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CW1 cap has 262 slots left

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There are only 262 slots left in the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker Nonimmigrant Visa program or CW-1 cap for fiscal year 2017, based on information on the website of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Last month, USCIS reduced by one the fiscal year 2017 cap from 12,999 to 12,998.

USCIS has already approved 6,275 CW-1 applications while another 6,461 are still pending or waiting for approval, for a total of 12,736.

The CW-1 slots have been filled up fast and this could become a problem for some businesses in the CNMI that rely on foreign workers for their daily operations.

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E-PASSPORT APPLICATIONS SCHEDULE

The Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam, has released the schedule for biometrics capturing of the e-passport applications this month. To check your schedule, go to Pages 10, 11, 12, and 13.

18 Days Before ELECTION DAY

Express mail to cost CEC $98K

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The Commonwealth Election Commission would need $98,000 if they would send all absentee ballots by express mail to make it in time for the Nov. 8 elections. This is why they are recommending an extension on the procedure and deadline for this.

CEC chair Frances M. Sablan said yesterday that they would start sending out the absentee ballots. She said

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Wolf and Borja top poetry competition

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Jonathan Wolf and Manuel Borja won their respective junior and senior divisions of the 13th Annual Valentine Sengebau Poetry Competition held last Tuesday at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center. Both took home the $250 purse for winning first place.

Wolf, from Dandan Mid-

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Junior division winner Jonathan Wolf, right, poses with senior division winner Manuel Borja, left, on Oct. 18, 2016.
MICHAEL SANTOS

Arrivals pass half-million mark

» NMI visitor arrivals up 10 percent in September 2016

Visitors arrivals to the Northern Mariana Islands increased 10 percent in September 2016 compared to September 2015, bringing total arrivals in fiscal year 2016 to 501,179 visitors—a 4.5 percent increase compared to the previous fiscal year.

According to the Marianas Visi-

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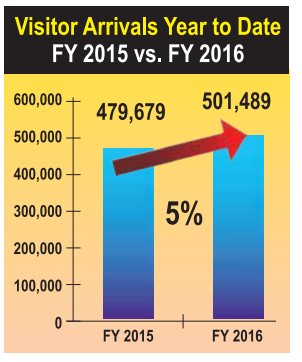

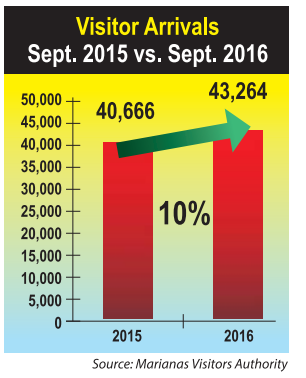

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NMI's second undersea cable online by May '17

The CNMI's second undersea cable is expected to go online by May 2017, according to Docomo Pacific brand manager Danny Daniels and Docomo ATISA Submarine Cable project manager of Liezl R. Balan.

ATISA is the name of the undersea fiber optic cables that is currently being installed by Docomo.

Daniels shared a quick background of what ATISA is and what it means.

"Atisa is a Chamorro word. It actually means to accelerate, to increase the speed, or a glow of light. Coincidentally, when they connect the undersea cables, it is the correct terminology to use when they mean 'to light up,'" he said.

Through ATISA the CNMI would be able to experience Internet speeds the islands have yet to experience, along with many other perks.

"It's broadband Internet, so it's faster. It's going to enable our network to deliver 4G and LTE speeds. We are going to be able to have options when you watch TV. Now, TV is going to have HD," Daniels said.

The fiber optic cable is going to connect Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to Guam.

"This means this region will be able to get better connectivity, more channels for consumers, and more competition, which provides choices

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NMI Humanities Council to celebrate 25th anniversary

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The Northern Marianas Humanities Council will be celebrating its 25th anniversary on Oct. 28 with a fundraiser at the Pacific Islands Club's Magellan Restaurant from 6pm to 10pm.

Keynote speaker Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner, a Marshallese poet, writer, climate change activist, performance artist, and journalist, will be headlining the council's fundraiser next week.

Jetnil-Kijiner delivered a speech at the opening ceremony of the United Nations' 2014 Climate Summit in New York City. Her poem, *Dear Matafele Peinem*, drew a standing ovation.

Council chair Frankie Eliptico is honored that Jetnil-Kijiner would be present for the council's event.

"We are truly fortunate that Kathy has accepted our invitation to speak and perform at the 25th anniversary fundraiser next week," Eliptico said. "Her poetry reading at the United Nations has inspired many around the world and brought greatly needed attention to small countries like the Marshall Islands who are impacted by climate change."

A musical tribute to the late David K. Peter would also be featured at the fundraiser.

Tickets could be purchased at the council's office at the Springs Plaza for $50 a ticket.

Buying a ticket not only includes entrance to the party but also includes dinner, raffle prizes, entertainment, and beverages. Wine and beer would be served up to 9pm.

Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner, a Marshallese poet, performs her poem, *Dear Matafele Peinem*, at the United Nations' 2014 Climate Summit in New York City.
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The council is a non-profit corporation that depends on grants and donations to fund their various programs such as the Motheread literacy program, the Junior High Mock Trial program, the Marianas History Conference, the Digital Archives Initiative, and the Garapan Heritage Trail, to name a few.

Also set during the 25th anniversary would be the awarding of the Governor's Humanities Awards, such as the lifetime achievement award, traditional cultural practices award, and the outstanding humanities teacher award.

For more information, contact the council at 235-4785.

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CEC starts sending out 1,561 absentee ballots

The Commonwealth Election Commission started yesterday mailing the 1,561 absentee ballots, including 14 to the Philippines and other jurisdictions.

CEC executive director Julita A. Villagomez disclosed that one absentee voter picked up the ballot from their office in Susupe on Wednesday while two others got their absentee ballots yesterday.

This leaves 1,561 absentee ballots for mailing to Guam, the U.S. mainland, and other jurisdictions.

She said most of the 14 absentee voters from other jurisdictions are from the Philippines, and the rest are from Japan, Pohnpei, Canada, and Palau.

With respect to 85 voters who are considered "non-resident voters" or "dual voters," they have to call CEC at (670) 235-8680/3 on Oct. 31 to know their schedule about their hearing.

A CEC administrative officer will conduct a voter removal hearings and voter challenges.

Villagomez said the 85 "dual voters" will get letters from CEC about their situation and instructions. ***(Ferdie dela Torre)***

'Running Dead' fundraiser on Oct. 29

TanHoldings and Tan Siu Lin Foundation are hosting an action-filled event called "Running Dead" on Oct. 29 at the CPA Airport Field

Proceeds from the Halloween fundraiser would be donated to the Marianas March Against Cancer.

Participants are to complete an obstacle course that will test their physical and mental capacities as they sprint through multiple zombie zones to accomplish certain tasks before proceeding to the next set of tasks.

The participants would be going through a total of three obstacle courses in order to complete the zombie run.

Zombies, in turn, would try to grab the "lives" of the participants, represented as flags hanging on their waists.

A registration fee of $10 would be required to participate.

Participants must be at least 12 years or older.

Registration forms are available at both Shirley's Coffee Shop branches (Garapan and Susupe) and iShop stores at Fiesta Resort and Spa, Kanoa Resort, and Paseo de Marianas. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

CW1

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The administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP), along with leaders from the private sector—the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, and the Society of Human Resources-CNMI Chapter—have been working together in trying to ask the U.S. Congress to find a solution to the Commonwealth's labor issues.

Torres and Chamber secretary Alex Sablan even testified in an oversight hearing by the House Committee on Natural Resources chaired by Rob Bishop (R-Utah 1st District). The hearing wants to review the economic impact of the CW-1 program that would end in 2019.

Delegate Sablan has also introduced H.R. 5888, which proposes to increase the cap from 12,998 to 18,000 and extend the CW-1 program for another 10 years or until 2029. His legislation, however, would not be acted on until next year since the U.S. lawmakers are acting in a lame duck Congress with the Presidential election just three weeks away.

HANMI chair Gloria Cavanagh said although they are expecting the cap to be filled they were surprised the cap was filled up that fast. "The only thing surprising about it is being so close to reaching the [fiscal year] 2017 CW-1 cap is that it has come one month sooner that what we already expected."

Cavanagh, however, said they remain hopeful that something could be done to ease the impact of the CW-1 cap on the CNMI economy. "I have to remain hopeful that things in D.C. can still be done. Unfortunately things cannot happen until after the election."

"In the business community, we have to rally behind [Delegate Sablan] and offer him support. Additionally, we must not sit idly by and accept this as 'done.' We must do all we can as an alliance to reverse the damage that is forthcoming."

Taking advantage of the local workforce, U.S. citizens and local residents, and businesses to transition their workers to other U.S.-applicable work visas are the aims of the CW-1 program. Torres, who attended a meeting by the Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Advisory Committee in Las Vegas, said in this month's Chamber meeting that the CNMI faces an uncertain future after CW-1 program ends on Dec. 31, 2019.

The CW-1 program would have supposedly ended in 2014, a five-year period only, but got extended to 2019. The CNMI, however, would be facing workforce shortage with the CW program about to expire in two years while developments and other investment coming in.

ARRIVALS

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tors Authority, arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota registered 43,264 visitors in September 2016, compared to 39,249 visitors received in September 2015.

"Overall, fiscal year 2016 was another year of solid growth in tourism arrivals to the Northern Marianas, which means more revenue for both the government and the private sector," said Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "This is the first year we've surpassed the half-million mark since fiscal year 2005. We are fortunate that the economies of several of our source markets are strong, and the MVA continues to be strategic in our expenditures for offshore marketing and promotions and on-island destination enhancement and community events."

Arrivals from Korea soared 57 percent to 19,804 visitors in September. Arrivals from Korea grew 10 percent in fiscal year 2016 to 200,875 visitors. With double daily flights from Seoul by Jeju Air, daily service from Seoul by Asiana Airlines, charter flights by Asiana Airlines during winter peak season, direct daily flights operated by Jin Air, and the launch of a new direct daily flight from Seoul by Eastar Jet from Oct. 24, arrivals from Korea to the NMI are projected to remain extremely strong through the end of this year. T'way Air is also expected to launch new non-stop service from Incheon to Saipan at the end of the year, driving continued rapid growth in Korean arrivals well into 2017.

Arrivals from China dipped 6 percent compared to September 2015 to 15,666 visitors with the suspension of Dynamic Airways' charter flights from Hangzhou and Nanjing to Saipan at the end of August. New flight from Beijing to Saipan have been confirmed starting in January, and Dynamic Airways also plans to launch new charters in January-February 2017 targeting the forthcoming Chinese New Year holiday which will ensure a return to rapid growth out of the China market in the New Year. In fiscal year 2016, China was the CNMI's largest source marketing, growing 14 percent to 206,538 visitors.

Arrivals from Japan fell 40 percent to 4,835 visitors as the NMI continued to feel the effect of Delta Air Lines cutting its second Narita to Saipan night flight a year ago, a move that dropped airlift from the Japan market to just one daily flight. With only 5,070 air seats serving the CNMI from Japan, 4,766 arrivals out of the Japan market means that Delta is seeing extremely high load factors on its single flight, and the CNMI is now a profitable destination for Delta. The MVA's focus in Japan remains to secure the resumption of Delta's second daily flight out of Narita, as well as the launch of new service from Nagoya and Osaka from a combination of Japan and Hong Kong-based low-cost carriers.

"The Bank of Japan reports Japanese households and companies are continuing to hold on to cash rather than spending or investing it, highlighting the ongoing challenge to revitalize the economy," said Concepcion. "However, the MVA will continue to work closely with our tourism partners to strengthen the industry in this New Year, both in our weaker and in our new emerging markets such as Japan, Hong Kong, Russia, and the Philippines."

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

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they ordered 21,000 ballots with 1,564 applying for the absentee voting process. There are about 17,000 registered voters in the CNMI.

"There are still some steps that we need to do. First, we need to have [the Office of the Public Auditor] do the inventory and we need to pay for the metered stamps. Then we can send them out," said Sablan after yesterday's meeting with senators at the Senate chamber.

"But for right now, express mail is very expensive. That's why we recommend that we have the extension at least for this election. It is going to cost us $98,000 to expedite the process of sending the ballots, $49,000 to send it, and for them to send it back," added Sablan, who was accompanied by CEC executive director Julita A. Villagomez and deputy attorney general Lilian Tenorio.

She believes there's ample time for the absentee ballots to return to Saipan in time for the counting. "I'm thinking there's ample time but the senators think otherwise. That's why they are asking if the extension is something that we recommend. And we support the bill to extend the deadline."

Rep. Felicidad T. Ogumoro (R-Saipan) introduced House Bill 19-204 that would allow an extension of the deadline for all absentee ballots.

All absentee ballots must be received on or before the day of the election.

Sending the absentee ballots by mail is already late, with voters having not enough time to receive and send it before the Nov. 8 general election.

HB 19-204 wants the deadline to be suspended and is proposing a 10-day extension in order for the absentee ballots to be included in the counting after Nov. 8.

All reply envelopes shall be deposited in a locked ballot box until processed by the CEC for counting.

In other news, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres had sworn in Joseph Santos as Tinian representative to the CEC last week while the Senate yesterday confirmed the reappointment of Donald Hofschneider as board member. Roman M. Tudela Jr. was also confirmed as the resident executive director for Office of Indigenous Affairs.

WOLF

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dle School, won with his piece titled *Rairecharmoracherchar.*

When asked about how he feels about winning, Wolf said, "It feels really great! I was actually more nervous about the award ceremony than I was doing my piece. When I heard I was first place, I couldn't believe it because I really thought that I wasn't even going to place."

Inspiration came from his elder brother, due to his experience, and his aunt. She helped transform Wolf and his brother into being thespians, which allowed him to get used to acting and speaking in front of a large crowd.

In regards to previous experiences performing in a poetry competition, Wolf said, "I'm not sure if it was last year or this year, but I went to Salt Lake City and I presented my declamation. I got first place in the entire [country] so I was pretty happy about that too."

The senior division champion, Manuel Borja, from Kagman High School, won with his piece *Mingling With Our Bloodline*.

Asked about his inspiration, Borja said, "My inspiration was my school because it's full of different cultures. I have friends that are Chinese, Korean, and Filipino and they are all very close to me."

Borja plans to join the poetry competition again next year, with this year being his first time competing as well as speaking in front of a crowd.

When he was asked about how he feels about winning, Wolf said, "I was not expecting to win because I saw a lot of wonderful performances and I thought they would win instead of me."

Eulalia V. Arriola, program officer of the Northern Marianas Humanities Council, was happy with how the competition turned out.

"Every year, honestly, it amazes me how courageous our students are, at such a young age, to go in front of an audience. I've been doing this for a few years now, and every time I go up there [stage] I become so nervous. Then I see the participants and they're so natural."

Other winners include Saipan Community School's Maxine Rabago and Shaina Lee coming in third with their piece *The Watcher* and Francisco M. Sablan Middle School's Elisha Posadas and Merari Aniga with their piece *Fear* finishing second place in the junior division.

For the senior division, Mount Carmel School's Reica Ramirez won third place with her piece *Nostaliga*, while Tinian High School Lou Dela Cruz bagged second with her piece *Us*.

Hosted by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council, the competition honors the legacy of Micronesia's foremost poet, Valentine Sengebau, whose work involved issues such as cultural identity, politics and change in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Sengebau spent the last 25 years of his life in his adopted home of Saipan, composing dozens of poems expressing the personal joys and sorrows of his life and the issues regarding loss of cultural identity on the islands as well as the political negotiations between the United States and Micronesia.

For any more information about events hosted by the council such as the upcoming 25th anniversary on Oct. 28, feel free to contact their office at (670) 235-4786.

UNDERSEA

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for the consumer," said Balan.

Laying an undersea fiber optic cable may impact the marine wildlife. Recognizing that, Docomo has been coordinating with environmental government agencies.

"We're trying to make the biggest impact with the least impact," said Daniels.

Balan shared that both local and federal agencies were a big help to the project.

"The agencies both on the local and federal level have been so instrumental. We've established great relationships. Our plan was to do this, but to do it right by the Marianas," she said.

"We wanted to consider environmental impacts, such as effects to corals, turtle nesting grounds, etc. We really wanted to partner with the local agencies and the federal agencies to make sure that we weren't missing anything," Balan added.

Docomo Pacific has worked with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Quality, Department of Public Lands, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Coastal Resources Management, and the CNMI Legislature, to name a few. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

Agent's bike is allegedly stolen

This one is for the books.

A notorious habitual offender allegedly stole a bicycle owned by a U.S. Department of Homeland Security Investigations agent who secured it with a metal chain in front of his house in Chalan Kanoa. The surveillance cameras at the agent's house led to the suspect's identification and subsequent arrest.

Marco Selepeo Fitial, 36, was arrested in Garapan on Wednesday night for theft.

Police said Fitial admitted to stealing the agent's bicycle to support his illegal drug habit. His bail was set at $10,000 cash; preliminary hearing is on Oct. 26 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Michael Sato was appointed as counsel for Fitial. Assistant attorney general Betsy Weintraub appeared for the government.

Police detective Myron O. Laniyo stated in his report that an HSI agent reported to the Department of Public Safety last July 31 that his bicycle had been stolen that morning.

Laniyo said the agent realized that his bike was missing from the front of his house, when he was getting ready for a bike ride that afternoon.

When the agent reviewed his surveillance cameras at the house, he observed a man, wearing a gray or white T-shirt, dark-colored baggy shorts and a baseball cap, appearing from the side of his home at 5:18am.

The suspect then made his way to the agent's bike, cut its metal chain with a bolt cutter, then took it away.

Laniyo said upon reviewing the footage, he immediately identified the suspect as Fitial.

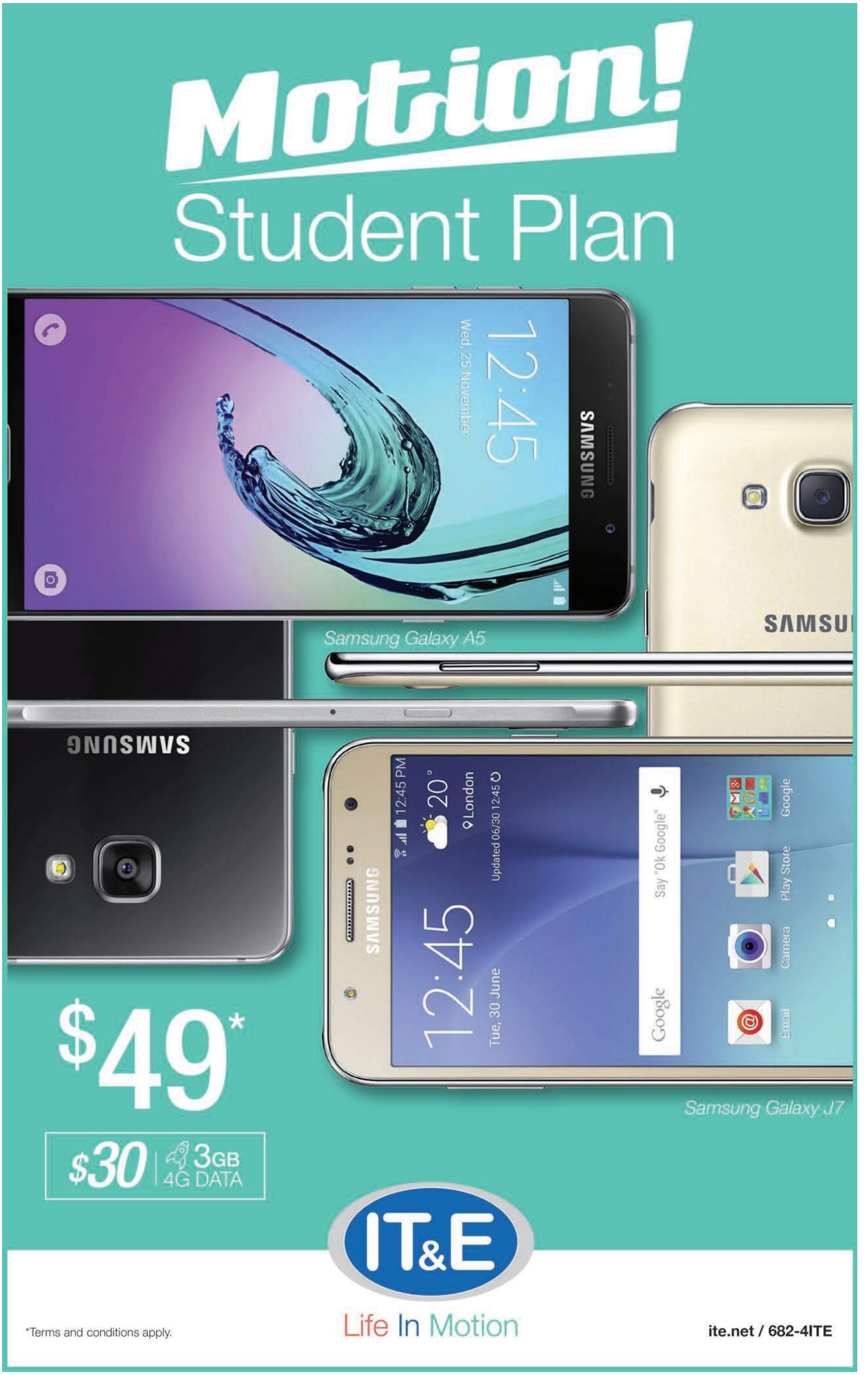
Laniyo personally knows Fitial from previous numerous criminal cases, including burglary and theft incidents.

Laniyo said in an interview at the DPS Criminal Investigation Bureau last Aug. 19 that Fitial waived his right to remain silent and to have an attorney.

Laniyo said Fitial confessed to stealing the agent's bike.

The bike was worth between $350 and $400. The chain was worth $20 and the bike's seat was valued at $20, police said.

(Ferdie de la Torre)



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Skywalker opposes BSI officer's motion to dismiss claims

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Skywalker Communications Group, LLC has asserted that it has pleaded sufficient allegations to provide Best Sunshine International, Ltd. chief services officer Tao Xing notice of the nature of its claims against him.

In Skywalker's opposition to Xing's motion to dismiss the claims against him, Skywalker counsel Robert T. Torres said they presented facts in their answer to the lawsuit and counterclaim that Xing entered into the contracts at issue as an authorized representative of Best Sunshine.

Torres said Xing summarily and without prior notice terminated the contracts in violation of the contracts' provisions, and then rescinded the terminations.

Imperial Pacific, through counsel Michael W. Dotts, filed a lawsuit in the Superior Court against Skywalker Communications for its alleged inability to provide satisfactory work pertaining to their two contracts, including having key staff that were not sufficient in English communication design ideas, among other issues.

Skywalker filed a counterclaim against Best Sunshine and chief services officer Xing, claiming various breaches. Skywalker asked the court to hold Best Sunshine and Xing liable to pay it an unspecified amount of damages, interests, attorney's fees, and court costs.

Xing moved to dismiss Skywalker's claims against him. Through counsel, Xing argue that Skywalker has not pleaded a single fact to support its claims. He argued that his claims should be dismissed because his actions with regard to the contracts were in his capacity as a corporate agent of Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC, owner of Best Sunshine International, Ltd.

In Skywalker's opposition, Torres said Xing issued a notice imposing a deadline to improve services after which Xing would summarily terminate the contracts, in violation of the negotiation and mediation provisions of the contracts.

Torres said Skywalker thereafter sent an objection to notice to improve services and notice of dispute wherein it laid out for Xing the specific negotiation and mediation provision that had been triggered by its notice of dispute and which bound Best Sunshine to comply with those provisions.

The lawyer pointed out that Xing, despite having been put on notice that the contractual provisions bound Best Sunshine to participate in negotiation and mediation, nonetheless pushed his way forward and rationalized that Skywalker's response was somehow "blaming Best Sunshine," completely neglected to address the binding legal provisions to which Skywalker had brought to his attention, and again terminated the contracts.

Torres said Skywalker then sent to Xing a notice of breach and demand for compliance wherein Skywalker informed Xing that Best Sunshine was in breach of the negotiation and mediation provisions of the contracts and demanded that Best Sunshine comply with the negotiation and mediation terms within a 10-day term or Skywalker would bring suit to enforce the contracts.

He said Xing waited 19 days, nine days after the 10-day term had elapsed, to inform Skywalker that he had "no alternative" but to terminate the contracts but that "in the spirit of good faith" Best Sunshine would finally consent to mediate pursuant to the contractual terms and urged Skywalker to "do the right thing."

Torres said despite his promises to resolve the matter amicably, "short of full scale legal proceedings," Xing failed to participate in good faith in the dispute resolution and Best Sunshine thereafter filed this lawsuit.

On the claim of tortious interference with contract, Torres said Xing is not a part to the contracts between Skywalker and Best Sunshine.

Torres said Xing intentionally and improperly interfered with both Best Sunshine's ability to perform under the contracts by withholding payments due under the contracts, unilaterally and summarily terminating the contracts on at least two different occasions, refusing to comply with the terms of Skywalker's and Best Sunshine's contracts, and making insincere commitments to mediate in good faith before Best Sunshine filed suit.

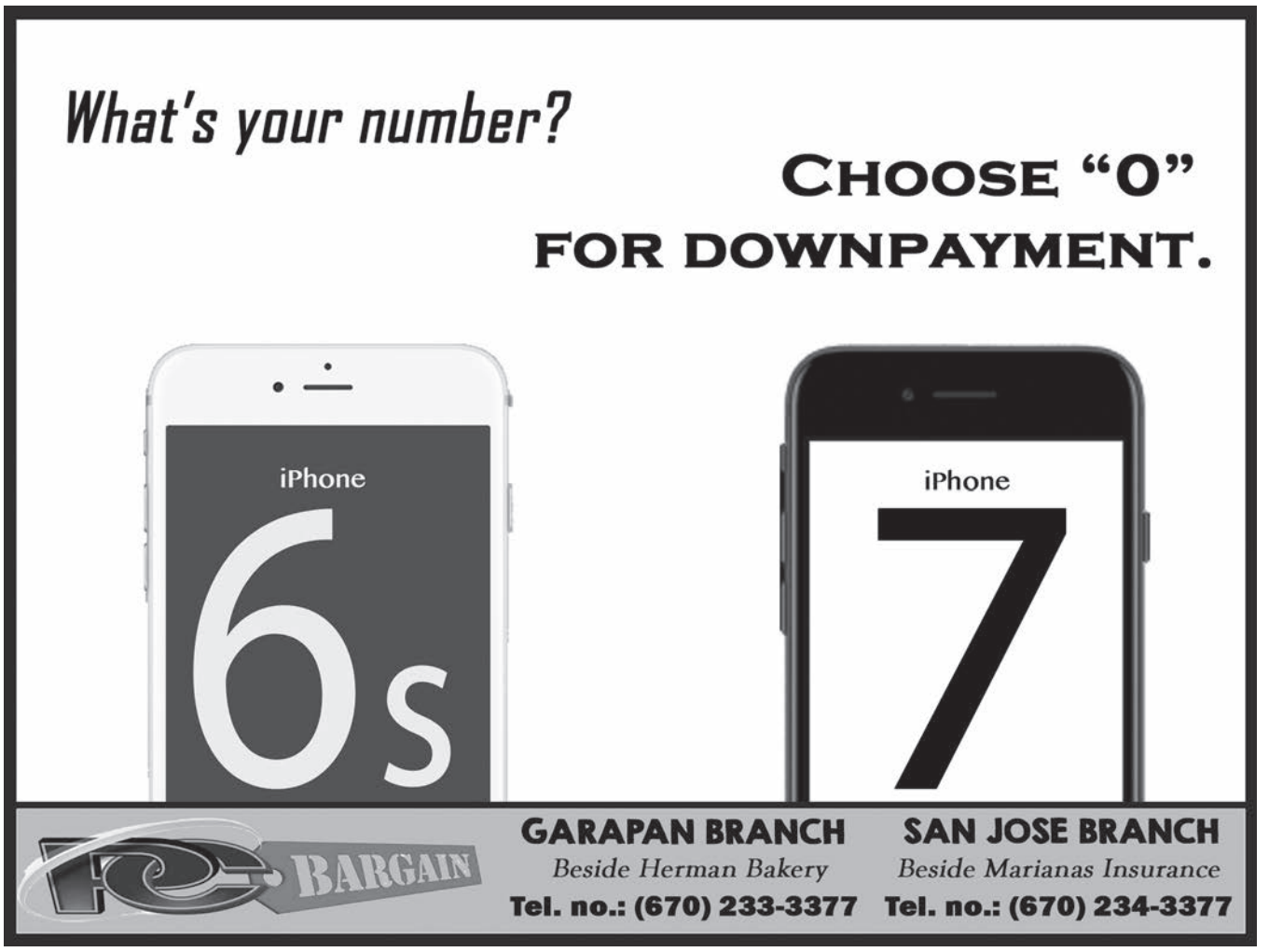
As a result of Xing's actions, Torres said, Skywalker has suffered pecuniary loss resulting from Best Sunshine's failure to perform under the contracts, including but not limited to the missed payments due under the contracts.

On the claim of interference with economic advantage, Torres said Xing intentionally and improperly interfered with the performance of Best Sunshine and Skywalker under the contracts by withholding payments Best Sunshine had agreed to pay under the contracts, unilaterally and summarily terminating the contracts on at least two different occasions without regard to the terms to which Best Sunshine had committed itself.

Torres added that Xing refused to comply with the terms of Skywalker and Best Sunshine's contracts, and made insincere commitments to mediate in good faith before Best Sunshine filed suit.

Torres said Xing's actions induced or caused Best Sunshine not to perform the contracts and as a result, Skywalker has suffered pecuniary loss resulting from Best Sunshine's failure to perform under the contracts, including but not limited to the missed payments due under the contracts.

On Xing's argument that his actions with regard to the contracts were done in his capacity as a corporate agent of Best Sunshine, Torres said whether or not Xing's actions were improper and/or not in Best Sunshine's best interests is a matter to be determined at trial.



Chamber: Revisit Leidos report recommendations

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REPORTER

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce wants the government to revisit the recommendations in a report done by Leidos Engineering LLC last year where they worked as a consultant with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. in choosing a feasible, cost-effective, and reliable power generation resources.

Leidos is involved in power grid engineering, energy management and efficiency, smart grid, utility planning and consulting, utility security, energy asset advisory, critical infrastructure systems, system integration and controls, and environmental sciences. It is a Fortune 500 company based in Reston, Virginia that earned $5.09 billion in revenues last year.

Part of Leidos' recommendations for CUC that was submitted to the board was using solar generation, with or without storage, with the option for site control at specific feeders; solar generation with 10-megawatt max capacity; diesel engines that burn heavy fuel oil; diesel engines that burn light fuel at 30 megawatt max capacity; and extending CUC's assets to new diesel engines burning light fuel.

SCC secretary Alex Sablan said Leidos has done numerous reports and projects similar to this, not only in the U.S. but also in other parts of the world. "They've done…this thing thousands of times and we felt that it was going to be the most impartial process in achieving our ultimate goal of getting consistent power. If not cheaper, at least it is consistent, reliable, and clean power."

"We would like the administration to pursue the Leidos report. The Leidos process was an [Office of the Insular Affairs]-funded project through a $1-million grant that was supposed to be impartial. They are the biggest consultant in the world, in the U.S. and this…is the way that would move us forward," added Sablan.

"The process was paid for, that's the other thing. [Leidos] is the biggest firm in the world that does exactly these kinds of recommendation. And we felt that we are getting the best from these experts in the recommendation that was ultimately going to be passed down through this process."

He said the CUC board might have made a mistake in scrapping the proposals made by Leidos. "The board scrapped it, not the administration. We thought that was the incorrect process when they [board] scrapped it. We believe that Leidos should be reinstituted to determine where we needed to go with power generation, water, wastewater, and all our utility needs."

Sablan said Leidos collected a lot of information wherein they understood how to handle things, especially with all the development that is taking place on Saipan. "If privatization even makes sense at this stage, [Leidos] took in so much information and did so many interviews. They understand how to handle this process."

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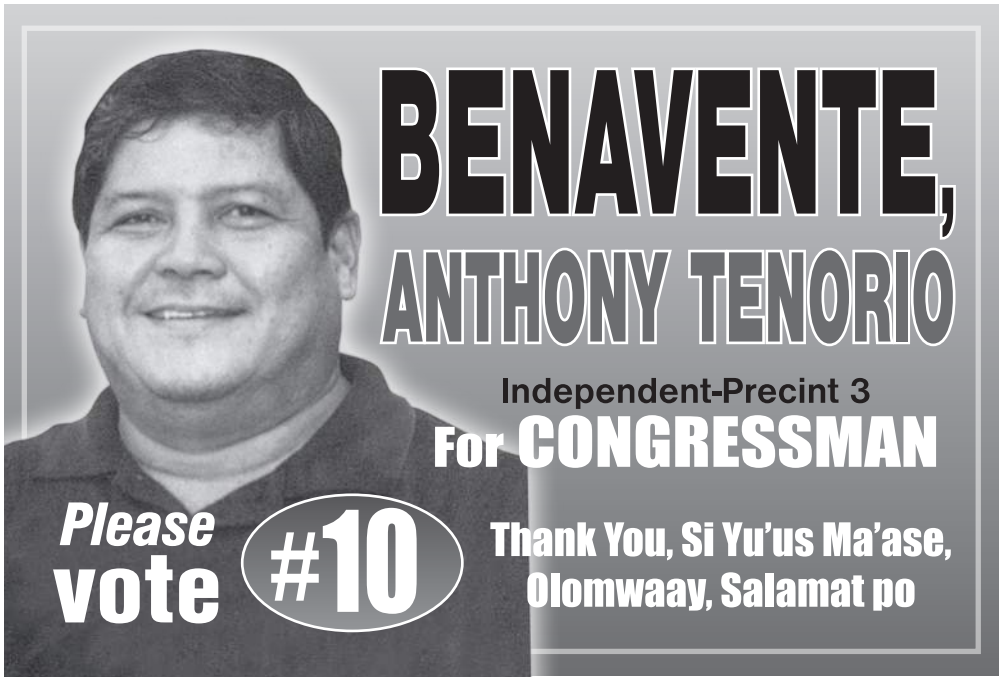

Central Statistics Div. has a new director

The Department of Commerce appointed its newest director who recently filled the extended vacant position for the director of Central Statistics Division.

According to Commerce Secretary Mark O. Rabauliman, since the departure of Alfonis M. Sound back in August 2015, the position has since remained vacant and managed by acting CSD director Tom A. Torres.

"We welcome our newly installed CSD director, Mr. Justin Andrew, under the Commerce management team. Mr. Andrew has been with the Central Statistics Division for over 10 years. I am confident that Mr. Andrew possesses the qualification to oversee and lead the daily operations of the division in addition to his expertise and vast knowledge within the division. I would also like to extend my gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Tom Torres for all his hard work and services during his acting capacity as acting CSD director," Rabauliman said.

Reiterating the importance of having a dedicated director, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres expressed that data collection supports the economic outlook for the Commonwealth.

"The Central Statistics Division is responsible for conducting all CNMI censuses and surveys and is the official lead on all government statistic data collection activities as mandated by Public Law 7-35 and filling this key position is welcoming news," he said.

In recent months, CSD was tasked to produce and publish key social and economic indicators reports. In addition, the statistics office also acts as the point of contact for the administration and management of data collection activities between the local government and its federal counterparts on a wide variety of data needs.

For more information on the Department of Commerce Central Statistics Division, log on to www.commerce.gov.mp. ***(PR)***

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BoH names Bargfrede as SVP

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HONOLULU, Hawaii— John Bargfrede has joined Bank of Hawaii as senior vice president and consumer lending manager-West Pacific. He is responsible for leading the Consumer Lending staff and businesses in the West Pacific, including dealer indirect lending, direct lending, mortgage and collections.

Bargfrede has over 25 years of experience in the financial industry. Prior to joining the bank, Bargfrede was president and CEO of Bank of Saipan for 13 years.

Bargfrede earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from Chaminade University of Honolulu and is graduate of the CBA Graduate School of Retail Bank Management. ***(PR)***

NMC regent Deleon Guerrero is elected to ACCT regional group

Deleon Guerrero

Northern Marianas College Board of Regents member Cyndi Deleon Guerrero was recently elected to serve on the Nominating Committee of the Association of Community College Trustees as a representative of the Pacific Region Caucus.

Deleon Guerrero was nominated by voting delegate Debra Entenman, trustee of Renton Technical College of Washington State and elected to the post by the voting-delegates of the Pacific Regional Caucus during the ACCT's recent Leadership Congress. The ACCT Pacific Region includes representatives from California, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, Idaho, Utah, Guam, American Samoa, Marshall Islands, and Palau.

"Although my election to the Pacific Regional Nominating Committee is a great honor for me, it's also an important recognition for the Northern Mariana Islands, which will now have a greater say in the representation of Pacific Islanders when higher educational issues are discussed at the national level," said Deleon Guerrero. "I look forward to engaging with the other members of the committee to see how we can continue to grow educational opportunities and access for all college students, especially those from the CNMI."

Among the topics discussed at the Leadership Congress was the "College Promise," a national proposal to make two years of community college free for responsible students, which has continued to gain support and acceptance nationally. Accreditation issues, Pell challenges, and other critical higher education issues were also discussed.

The ACCT is a non-profit educational organization of governing boards, representing more than 6,500 elected and appointed trustees who govern over 1,200 community, technical, and junior colleges in the United States and beyond.

Located in Washington, D.C., ACCT is a major voice of community college trustees to the presidential administration, U.S. Congress, the Departments of Education and Labor and more. ACCT educates community and technical college trustees through annual conferences focused on leadership development and advocacy, as well as through publications and online and face-to-face institutes and seminars. ***(NMC)***

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PH mobile consular outreach this October

The Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam, in coordination with Philippine Honorary Consul to the CNMI Glicerio Arago, announced yesterday that the schedule for biometrics capturing of the e-passport applications will take place on Oct. 24-28, at the Social Hall of the Kristo Rai Diocese.

All e-passport applications require "personal appearance" and are encouraged to wear proper attire (i.e. shirt with collar).

Applicants on the list are advised to be present at the venue on the date and time indicated in the schedule. Due to the start of the new ePassport system, the consulate general will be strictly implementing the cancellation of "no show" applicants.

For more information and confirmation, call (670) 233-6293 and ask for Mel Santos. ***(PR)***

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Abobo	Cesar	Lucim	9am-10am
Ada	Lerma	Domingo	9am-10am
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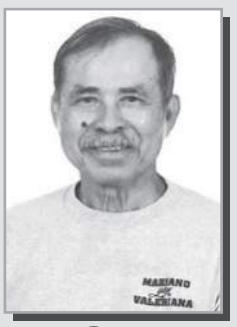

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Abubo	Renato Jr	Lucas	9am-10am
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Francisco	Charlyn	Manzanilla	12pm-1pm
Gabi	Bermel	Sese	12pm-1pm
Gabo	Mary Jane	Alvior	12pm-1pm
Gamelo	Felizardo	Naval	12pm-1pm
Garcia	Ariel	Galvez	12pm-1pm
Gomez	Erwin	Vega	12pm-1pm
Gonzales	Licelda	Daniola	12pm-1pm
Granada	Romeo	Maglasang	12pm-1pm
Guanzon	Rafael Jr	Quiatchon	12pm-1pm
Guarizo	Adelaida	Jornadal	12pm-1pm
Gueco	Danilo	Termines	12pm-1pm
Guevarra	Alberto	Dura	12pm-1pm
Guevarra	Edwin	Maniago	12pm-1pm
Guevarra	Francisco	Mallari	12pm-1pm
Heneral	Anita	Dequilla	12pm-1pm
Holgado	Rosielyn	Abes	2pm-3pm
Ibrao	Ferdinand	Pajinag	2pm-3pm
Ignacio	Mark Rainier	Quintia	2pm-3pm
Javilinar	Erlinda	De Juan	2pm-3pm
Labuson	Elma	Tumlos	2pm-3pm
Lamorena	Feliciano	Borromeo	2pm-3pm
Laoyan	Leonardo	Pangoen	2pm-3pm
Lavetoria	Luisito	Cruz	2pm-3pm
Ligaya	Alfonso	Pulido	2pm-3pm
Ligaya	Annel Louise	Pulido	2pm-3pm
Ligaya	Antonio III	Garcia	2pm-3pm
Lising	Renato	Ramos	2pm-3pm
Llagas	Teresita	Cabrera	2pm-3pm
Llorente	Bonifacio	Tayangona	2pm-3pm
Lopez	Barbette	Rogando	2pm-3pm
Magararu	Roberto	Magbuo	2pm-3pm
Mallari	Antonio	Dayrit	2pm-3pm
Mallari	Victor	Padilla	2pm-3pm
Manalo	Maria Raquel	Carino	2pm-3pm
Mano	Barry	Busalanan	2pm-3pm
Marcelo	Edna	Sarmiento	3pm-4pm
Martin	Ferdinand	Aquino	3pm-4pm
Masongsong	Imelda	Galindon	3pm-4pm
Mateo	Esabelle	Mc Dowell	3pm-4pm
Mauricio	Teresita Myrna	Felix	3pm-4pm
Medrano	Ana Lulu	Escultura	3pm-4pm
Mendeja	Perfecto	Lunar	3pm-4pm
Menor	Alex Bradly	Diola	3pm-4pm
Millare	Romill	Juanillo	3pm-4pm
Miranda	Rafael	Gamo	3pm-4pm
Miravalles	Diosdado	Cena	3pm-4pm
Morabe	Christopher	Poblete	3pm-4pm
Moreno	Beltran	Alianic	3pm-4pm
Muna	Sarah	Reyes	3pm-4pm
Nelmida	Mary Anne	Alcantara	3pm-4pm
Nicdao	Mamerto	Pingol	3pm-4pm
Oblino	Ricardo	Macawily	3pm-4pm
Ocaya	Arlyn	Aballe	3pm-4pm
Olivos	Shelo	Corcilles	3pm-4pm
Orada	Maureen	Misola	3pm-4pm
Orbase	Welmar	Broniosa	4pm-5pm
Pagarao	Arnel	Quias	4pm-5pm
Paine	Zenaida	Naces	4pm-5pm
Palmes	Jay Art	Quitayen	4pm-5pm
Palmes	Kristine Mae	Quitayen	4pm-5pm
Payoc	Ariel	Ocfemia	4pm-5pm
Peralta	Camilo	Cacalda	4pm-5pm
Piedad	Carlos	Pineda	4pm-5pm
Quiachon	Soledad	Peson	4pm-5pm
Ramirez	Deolito Jr	Baril	4pm-5pm
Reambonanza	Fernando	Duaso	4pm-5pm
Relano	Ely	Romano	4pm-5pm
Reyes	Marlyn	Napao	4pm-5pm
Robles	Edmundo	Lopez	4pm-5pm
Rodriguez	Michelle	De Guzman	4pm-5pm
Romaguera	Maria Arlene	Quiachon	4pm-5pm
Romanillo	Danilo	Oas	4pm-5pm
Romero	Ann Janine	Angeles	4pm-5pm
San Juan	Josephine	Estrada	4pm-5pm
Sari	Tomas	Tria	4pm-5pm
Sarmiento	Juanito	Casupanan	5pm-6pm
Sasa	Jose	Agaspin	5pm-6pm
Sayson	Hedelita	Retita	5pm-6pm
Simetara	Juanito	Doria	5pm-6pm
Sison	Arnel	Laborce	5pm-6pm
Socorro	MC Joseph Mario	Javillano	5pm-6pm
Tadtad	Modesto, Jr	Lima	5pm-6pm
Tajores	Adelino	Galvez	5pm-6pm
Talibong	Jufel	Castiliana	5pm-6pm
Tamayo	Federico	Cruz	5pm-6pm
Tamon	Gemma	Lucas	5pm-6pm
Tampepe	Fe	Dumogho	5pm-6pm
Tangi	Honofre	Legaspi	5pm-6pm
Tenorio	Dexter	Gibe	5pm-6pm
Vergara	Leonora	Tolentino	5pm-6pm
Trajano	Joseph Alex	Francisco	5pm-6pm
Ubilas	Rodoldo	Racho	5pm-6pm
Valencia	Irene	Alegre	5pm-6pm
Vicente	Roderico	Chuidian	5pm-6pm
Viola	Ana Liza	Perdigon	5pm-6pm

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Abubo	Renato	Obra	9am-10am
Alba	Daisy	Fortunato	9am-10am
Albina	Esmeraldo	Sapu-an	9am-10am
Alcaraz	Juvy	Coquia	9am-10am
Altamirano	Noel	Santiago	9am-10am
Angeles	Ofdelia	Magtibay	9am-10am
Ansay	Ricardo	Porciuncula	9am-10am
Antipala	Manolito	Bagnes	9am-10am
Apritado	Mercedes	Capiendo	9am-10am
Aquino	Gerardo	Laureano	9am-10am
Baltazar	Mary Ann	Pamposa	9am-10am
Belaxi	Wilfredo	Masangya	9am-10am
Bignayan	Ernaleen	Bancaya	9am-10am
Borbon	Catherine	Carlos	9am-10am
Braga	Merlie	Estoista	9am-10am
Brondo	Jovelita	Puerto	9am-10am
Budano	Nicanor II	Pascual	9am-10am
Bulaon	Desiree	Nulud	9am-10am
Camingue	Ely	Barques	9am-10am
Carreon	Sonia	Torres	9am-10am
Castaneda	Rogelio	Quijano	10am-11am
Castaneda	Victoria	Dela Cruz	10am-11am
Castillo	William	Ilagan	10am-11am
Claridades	Roberto	De Jesus	10am-11am
Codog	Keneth	Gomez	10am-11am
Concepcion	Maricel	Elardo	10am-11am
Corilla	Severino	Pulvera	10am-11am
Cristobal	Nestor	Relucio	10am-11am
Cruz	Soledad	Cruz	10am-11am
Dancel	Victor	Padlan	10am-11am
Dasalla	Eugene	Degracia	10am-11am
De Chavez	Jovel	Tubo	10am-11am
De Leon	Wilma	Sagun	10am-11am
De Leon Guerrero	Honorina	Obaldo	10am-11am
De Luna	Raquel	Dela Cruz	10am-11am
Del Rosario	Irma	Barata	10am-11am
Despogado	Chita	Quijance	10am-11am
Dino	Luis	Nayanga	10am-11am
Divina	Raymund	Apos	10am-11am
Domingo	Francis	Estrada	10am-11am
Dones	Sylvia	Mondala	11am-12pm
Dugan	Gregorio	Sicad	11am-12pm
Encabo	Freddie	Calicdan	11am-12pm
Feria	Cesar	Quijom	11am-12pm
Francisco	Rodolfo	Manlabe	11am-12pm
Garcia	Raquel	Sanchez	11am-12pm
Gaudiano	Ma Violeta	Najera	11am-12pm
Gelera	Eireen	Castro	11am-12pm
Guinto	Joel	Leones	11am-12pm
Gulapa	Gerry	Sarmiento	11am-12pm
Hernandez	Bernie	Faustino	11am-12pm
Igisaiar	Emerita	Oribado	11am-12pm
Igloria	Buenaventura	Doria	11am-12pm
Ilarde	Emilia	Mejia	11am-12pm
Labasan	Myrna	Bacerra	11am-12pm
Launico	Virginia	Torres	11am-12pm
Laxamana	Myra	Mercado	11am-12pm
Lim	Eduardo	Yumul	11am-12pm
Soliman	Armando	Pangilinan	11am-12pm
Suyod	Arnel	Ascano	11am-12pm
Lim	Rosario	Padiernos	12pm-1pm
Litusquen	Arnel	Lapitan	12pm-1pm
Lopez	Alexander	Baluyut	12pm-1pm
Macasieb	Espiritu Jr	Ferrer	12pm-1pm
Maestro	Antonio	Muyo	12pm-1pm
Mandreza	Elmor	Gueta	12pm-1pm
Manzanades	Riza Mary	Cuartero	12pm-1pm
Medina	Maria Leonora	Salazar	12pm-1pm
Menor	Alexander	Sales	12pm-1pm
Mesa	Ma Luz	Cenizal	12pm-1pm
Miguel	Evelina	Olarte	12pm-1pm
Miranda	Daniel	Capiltug	12pm-1pm
Montano	Enrico	Hilario	12pm-1pm
Monte	Mario	Palana	12pm-1pm
Montoya	Janice	Ballesteros	12pm-1pm
Nicdao	Nelson	David	12pm-1pm
Niduaza	Erano	Sumi	12pm-1pm
Noble	Renato	Monteveros	12pm-1pm
Obando	Maria Concepcion	Masarque	12pm-1pm
Ocon	Natalie	Pacamalan	12pm-1pm
Oliten	Oscar	Porlaje	1pm-2pm
Padron	Emelinda	Ermitanio	1pm-2pm

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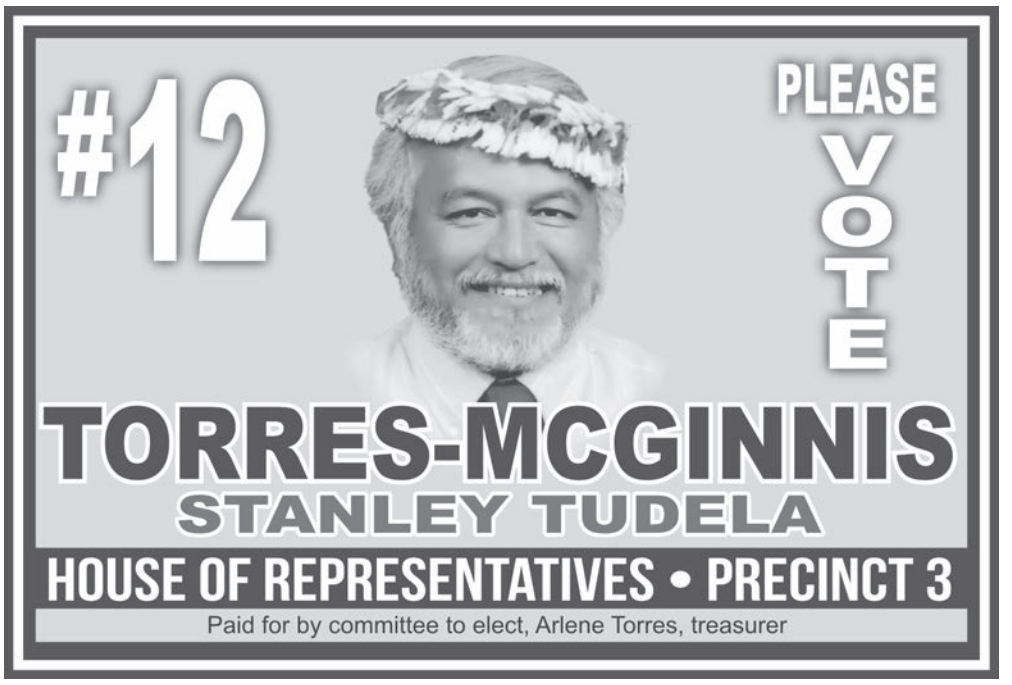

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Pangan	Noel	Maniago	1pm-2pm
Pantaleon	Dante Jr	Gaffud	1pm-2pm
Pascua	Arnold	Zabala	1pm-2pm
Pattugalan	Randy	Munoz	1pm-2pm
Pedrano	Dennis	Custodio	1pm-2pm
Pena	Cresencio	Pastidio	1pm-2pm
Peralta	Angelo	Alas	1pm-2pm
Perito	Ruth	Sastrillas	1pm-2pm
Pixley	Eleonor	Bernardo	1pm-2pm
Raguindin	Sonny	Cabarloc	1pm-2pm
Reboroso	Reynaldo	Bitamog	1pm-2pm
Relano	Antonio	Soriano	1pm-2pm
Resurreccion	Celso	Salva	1pm-2pm
Reyes	Jovelyn	Farnican	1pm-2pm
Reyes	Manuel	Macapas	1pm-2pm
Reyes	Prince Jhulz	Farnican	1pm-2pm
Reyes	Vilma	Satur	1pm-2pm
Rivada	Gloria	Mayor	1pm-2pm
Sagarino	Nicasio	Dapitan	2pm-3pm
Salita	Jaime	Cunanan	2pm-3pm
San Gabriel	Gener	Ravelo	2pm-3pm
San Nicolas	Aileen	Manalastas	2pm-3pm
Santos	Arlene	Roxas	2pm-3pm
Santos	Jeanie	Dela Cruz	2pm-3pm
Santos	Soledad	Ballesteros	2pm-3pm
Sumalnap	Romulo	Menrije	2pm-3pm
Taguibao	Emily	Navarro	2pm-3pm
Tampus	Anita	Rivera	2pm-3pm
Tayao	Rose Ann	Nunez	2pm-3pm
Tengco	Nicandro	Somera	2pm-3pm
Tiozon	Ma Gina	Bodo	2pm-3pm
Tusi	Nestor	Obosa	2pm-3pm
Umipig	Arnel	Cambe	2pm-3pm
Urtola	Cristina	Azuer	2pm-3pm
Valencia	Danilo	Mercado	2pm-3pm
Valiente	Eliza	Dumlao	2pm-3pm
Yumul	Alvin John	Pineda	2pm-3pm
Yumul	Liza	Pineda	2pm-3pm

E-PASSPORT APPLICATION FOR OCTOBER 27, THURSDAY

Adriano	Maria Cecilia	Miranda	9am-10am
Aguirre	Edgar	Campano	9am-10am
Agustin	Angela	Dela Cruz	9am-10am
Alaza	Jinkie	Borbon	9am-10am
Albina	Blanca	Selorio	9am-10am
Alday	Rey	Verano	9am-10am
Alquitran	Josephine	Vitug	9am-10am
Alzaga	Gabriel	Lagrason	9am-10am
Amante	Maria Theresa	Dela Cruz	9am-10am
Amarante	Joy	Lazaga	9am-10am
Ancheta	Marlon	Biag	9am-10am
Arellano	Fe	Beron	9am-10am
Bansil	Francisco	Carlos	9am-10am
Barros	Renato	Garan	9am-10am
Bautista	Jaye	Napay	9am-10am
Biascan	Emelda	Loresco	9am-10am
Biscocho	Bernadette	Javier	9am-10am
Bonifacio	Rolando	Basilio	9am-10am
Briosos	Lota	Pangilinan	9am-10am
Buensalida	Arnulfo	Dungay	9am-10am
Borlongan	Ma. Elena	De Guzman	10am-11am
Bustillos	Ricardo	Battung	10am-11am
Cabalbag	Normita	Arconado	10am-11am
Cabaluna	Daniel	Calimlim	10am-11am
Cabanting	Roser Dean	Castillejos	10am-11am
Cabrera	Mary Joy	Antonio	10am-11am
Calalang	Lope Jr	Escio	10am-11am
Caleon	Adrian Genesis	Santos	10am-11am
Calub	Brendo	Ubungen	10am-11am
Caluya	Verda	Alberto	10am-11am
Camit	Editha	Garcia	10am-11am
Cammayo	Carlos	Tarayao	10am-11am
Casarino	Reynaldo	Irasga	10am-11am
Castillo	Ricky	Espada	10am-11am
Castro	Carmina	Reyes	10am-11am
Castro	Cesar	Grospe	10am-11am
Castro	Manuel	Camayang	10am-11am
Catindoy	Luwalhati	Acha	10am-11am
Climacosa	Delinda	Dorado	10am-11am
Simbol	Arminda	Cariaga	10am-11am
Codog	Karl	Gomez	11am-12pm
Commandante	Ma Teresita	Cardana	11am-12pm
Condino	Erasmo	Almujin	11am-12pm
Cuballes	Nenita	Aguja	11am-12pm
Dabu	Delia	Garcia	11am-12pm
Dayrit	Wilfredo, Jr	Uy	11am-12pm
De Guzman	Edgardo	Sanchez	11am-12pm
De Ramos	Melquiades	Magno	11am-12pm
Delos Reyes	Amelia	Galang	11am-12pm
Ditianquin	Nathaniel	Oniate	11am-12pm
Dujua	Giovanni Paul	Del Rosario	11am-12pm
Echavez	Wilfredo	Arcon	11am-12pm
Echavez	Winneb Julienne	Lozo	11am-12pm
Encarnacion	Sonny	Reguine	11am-12pm
Ermita	Oca	Eldian	11am-12pm
Espeleta	Nelia	Bagabaldo	11am-12pm
Espeleta	Nelsom	Bagabaldo	11am-12pm
Fabre	Beatrice Ryza	Yamzon	11am-12pm
Fabre	Bryan Joseph	Hugo	11am-12pm
Facundo	Racquel	Agustin	11am-12pm
Faderogao	Edmond	Ferrera	12pm-1pm
Fernandez	Alfred	Salas	12pm-1pm
Fernandez	Domingo	Romero	12pm-1pm
Fernandez	Flordeliza	Apone	12pm-1pm
Flores	Maria Theresa	Parico	12pm-1pm
Flores	Minda	Soriano	12pm-1pm
Francisco	Milagros	Godoy	12pm-1pm
Galvan	Ailynn	Balingit	12pm-1pm
Galvan	Honorato	Royo	12pm-1pm
Garcia	Lourdes	Mendoza	12pm-1pm
Gaspar	Mario	Galacgac	12pm-1pm
Gepulle	Archimedes	Celis	12pm-1pm
Geuvarra	Reynaldo, Jr	De Luna	12pm-1pm
Granada	Larizel Therese	Fojas	12pm-1pm
Guevarra	Mary Rose	Lagado	12pm-1pm
Guzman	Rowena	Quinitip	12pm-1pm
Henzon	Johanna Chris	Libut	12pm-1pm
Ibarra	Sonny	Palatino	12pm-1pm
Ibarreta	Arnel	Ibias	12pm-1pm
Ilago	Jacinto	Agustin	12pm-1pm
Joson	Gadiele Rhoper	Morales	2pm-3pm
Lacson	Rosalie	Isip	2pm-3pm
Laniyo	Heralda	Tan	2pm-3pm
Lastimado	Damian Jr	De Andres	2pm-3pm
Launico	Francisco	Soriano	2pm-3pm
Leoncito	Anabel	Aringo	2pm-3pm
Leynes	Ruben	Castillo	2pm-3pm
Libut	John Christian	Arenas	2pm-3pm
Lizardo	John Denmark	Ricafort	2pm-3pm
Locquiao	Benjamin	Daus	2pm-3pm
Locquiao	Perla	Esquejo	2pm-3pm
Lopez	Cesar	Gabriel	2pm-3pm
Lopez	Joel	Valenzuela	2pm-3pm
Lucina	Rowena	Viernes	2pm-3pm
Macato	Silvia	Cabading	2pm-3pm
Malamanig	Maria Teresa	Petate	2pm-3pm
Malig	Floriano	Sasan	2pm-3pm
Manabat	Nestor	Buan	2pm-3pm
Manalo	Johnsen	Acquiatan	2pm-3pm
Manansala	Alexander	Mallari	2pm-3pm
Mangalao	Rodgel Mikko	Hipolito	3pm-4pm
Maniago	Mario	Durana	3pm-4pm
Manuel	Jocelyn	Guisdan	3pm-4pm
Mariano	Warly	Nery	3pm-4pm
Martinez	Loida	Sangalang	3pm-4pm
Matundan	Rodel	Olan	3pm-4pm
Mejia	Gorgonio	Tila	3pm-4pm
Mendoza	Prescilla	Lising	3pm-4pm
Mercado	Anastacia	Lapitan	3pm-4pm
Mercurio	Dominic	Santos	3pm-4pm
Metran	Marciano Jr	Tapawan	3pm-4pm
Miguel	Michael	Delgado	3pm-4pm
Millo	Nenita	Pineda	3pm-4pm
Millo	Regino	Garcia	3pm-4pm
Tan	Nimfa	Timbal	3pm-4pm
Molinar	Carlota	Manaloto	3pm-4pm
Molinar	Raul	Engreso	3pm-4pm
Morales	Marie Antonette	Padilla	3pm-4pm
Nate	Nolan	Polero	3pm-4pm
Nava	Maureen	Ramos	3pm-4pm
Navarro	Junar	Escano	4pm-5pm
Notario	Nelly	Argamosa	4pm-5pm
Orcilla	Shirley	Ramos	4pm-5pm
Ordas	Noel	Borromeo	4pm-5pm
Ortiz	Nazareno, Jr.	Perio	4pm-5pm
Pacano	Reynaldo	Bandin	4pm-5pm
Paglinawan	Virgilio	Frias	4pm-5pm
Palero	Felicisima	Moreno	4pm-5pm
Palomique	Lydia	Bautista	4pm-5pm
Pangilinan	Arturo Jr	Arcilla	4pm-5pm
Pascual	Ramia	Jaramillo	4pm-5pm
Pena	Elvira	Atencio	4pm-5pm
Posadas	Victoria	Tilles	4pm-5pm
Pullan	Marvin	Pampolina	4pm-5pm
Quizon	Romeo	Culala	4pm-5pm
Ramilla	Richard	Nobleza	4pm-5pm
Ramos	Randy	Arenas	4pm-5pm
Ramos	Susana	Rimarim	4pm-5pm
Raymundo	Gemmalyn	Salem	4pm-5pm
Rigua	Erlinda	Asuero	4pm-5pm
Rodriguez	Ethel	Aclan	5pm-6pm
Salcedo	Salvador	Esmina	5pm-6pm
Salundaguit	Felicesimo	Villanueva	5pm-6pm

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2nd Annual Marianas Ukulele Festival

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Garapan Fishing Base
Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016
2:00pm to 9:00pm

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

2:00 – 2:15 Welcome/Introduction
2:15 – 3:00 David Peter/Ana Limes Tribute
Frankie Limes & Palapala Boys
3:00 – 3:15 Saipan Community School
3:30 – 4:00 Alana'ia
4:00 - 4:30 Open Mic
4:30 – 5:00 Uchiumi Kids/ Yusuke Saito
5:00 – 5:30 Demalynn S. Pagarao
5:30 – 6:00 Da Kine
6:00 – 6:15 Jose Carreon
6:15 – 6:30 Ron Muna
6:30 – 7:00 Dante, Joe and Nick
7:00 – 7:30 FESPAC Band
7:30 – 8:00 Marvin DL Guerrero & J Babauta
8:00 – 8:25 Blues Lee
8:25 – 8:50 JazzoomCafe
8:50 – 9:00 Group Jam

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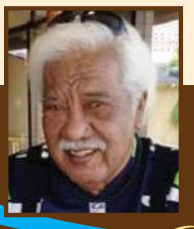

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N.M.I. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 80 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, SUB-CHAPTER 80-20.1 EMPLOYMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS § 80-20.1-210 (C) (3) Exemptions from Workforce Participation § 80-20.1-215 (b) Particular Construction Project. Exemptions issued prior to this notice remains in effect until their expiration date.

This moratorium notice shall be in effect until such time that the CNMI Secretary of Labor publishes a new notice on this matter.

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Santos	Enrico	Payumo	5pm-6pm
Sedillo	Fradel	Bermas	5pm-6pm
Silvano	Michelle	Tamondong	5pm-6pm
Sola	Arianne Kate	De Vera	5pm-6pm
Sy	Luzviminda	Ducusin	5pm-6pm
Tadeja	Melchora	Bayani	5pm-6pm
Tadeo	Luzviminda	Supan	5pm-6pm
Tamayo	Bombert	Timbol	5pm-6pm
Tamondong	Augusto	Gille	5pm-6pm
Tannagan	Beatriz	Alvarez	5pm-6pm
Tiongco	Renato	Mendoza	5pm-6pm
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EDITORIAL

Graduation stats encouraging but don't tell whole story

We'll take good news where we can get it, and a record high in the rate of U.S. students who are earning a high school diploma certainly qualifies.

On Monday, the White House proudly announced an unprecedented national graduation rate of 83.2 percent for the 2014-15 school year. And while gaps persist between white and Asian students and their black and Hispanic counterparts, those gaps are narrowing. Every group showed at least modest improvement over the previous year.

But it's not quite time for the nation's education leaders to party in the streets.

Other key metrics for academic performance do not show similar improvement. The National Assessment of Educational Progress, for example, reports that between 2013 and 2015, high school seniors' test scores were flat for reading, and showed a slight decline in math. Average scores on the all-important SAT and ACT achievement exams also reflect a slight decline.

Why the disconnect? The reasons are complex, but some critics believe public pressure to increase graduation rates has not uniformly resulted in improved student performance.

Achieve, a national nonprofit that wants to improve standards for high school graduation, warns that turning high school into "graduation factories" can still leave students ill-prepared for college or careers.

"All students should graduate from high school ready for college, careers and citizenship," said the organization's president, Michael Cohen. The group's website points out that graduation standards vary from state to state, with some offering multiple diploma types, some with less exacting requirements.

And there are dramatic differences in the measures various districts and states have taken to improve their graduation rates. An extensive investigation undertaken last year by National Public Radio's education team and its local affiliates cited some of those measures.

Among the best: Iowa, which leads the nation with a 95 percent graduation rate, was cited as using such strategies as free day care, in-school food banks, smaller classes and flexible schedules to help disadvantaged students finish school. These programs aren't cheap, but they show results.

Among the worst were districts that resorted to blatant numbers-juggling that bordered on fraud: Chicago's public school system was forced to downgrade four years' worth of graduation statistics after it was revealed that thousands of students classified as "transfers" should have been listed as dropouts.

In between, the study found, are countless districts that rely on a variety of lower-the-bar strategies to nudge borderline students through graduation. There are less-rigorous "credit recovery" programs for students who fail or miss

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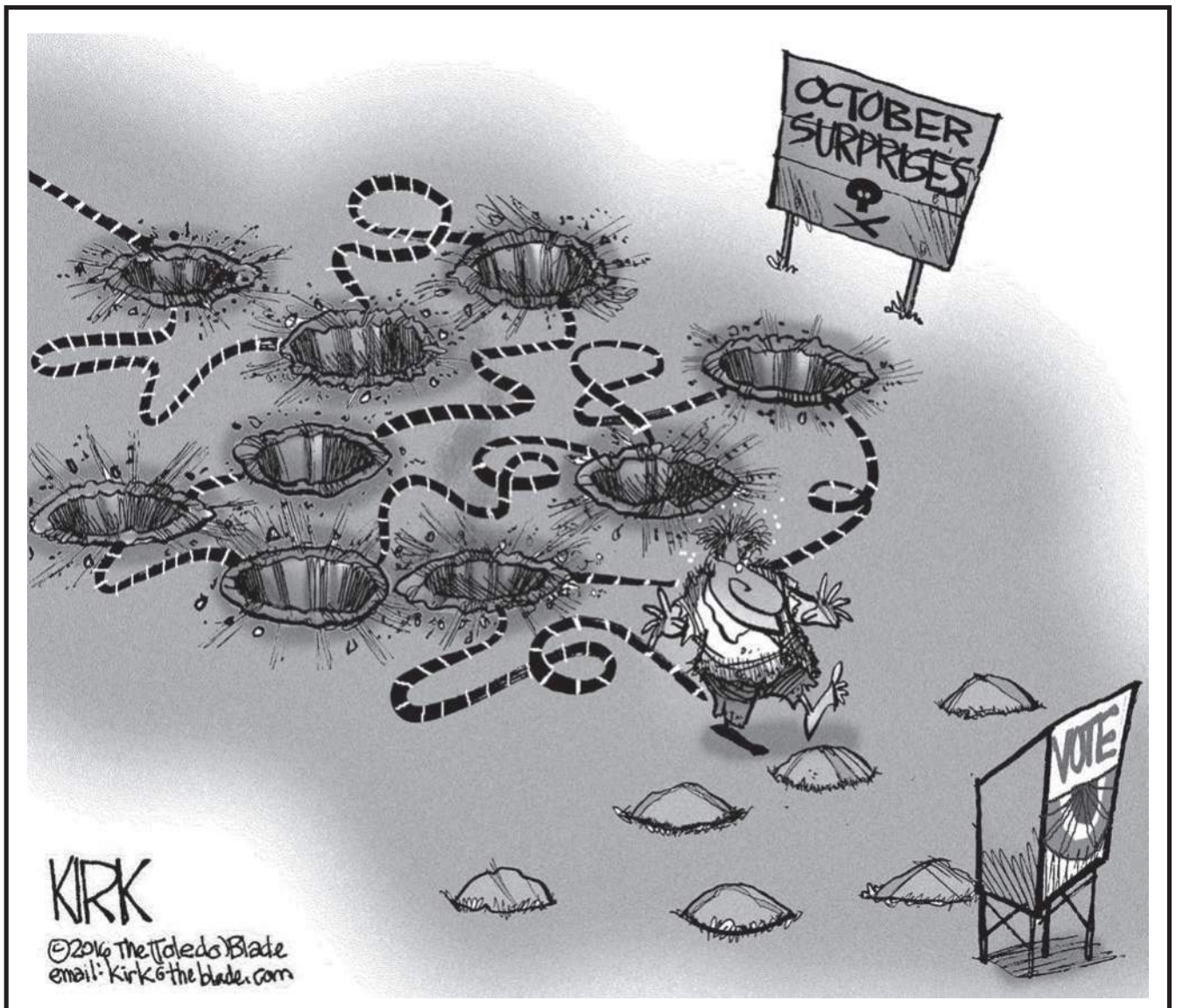

In a much better place

By ROBERT H. HUNTER
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

It was but a few short years ago that, for the first time in my adult life, I'd let creep in the idea of moving my family to the mainland. Such an idea was previously unthinkable to me. I was raised here. I love Saipan—I love the CNMI. As a parent my dream has always been to raise my kids in the beauty, generosity, and safety of this home that I was blessed to be raised in. Back in 2007/2008, because of the economic circumstances and to do what I thought was my part, I'd given up permanently a part of my salary and then had an additional 25 percent austerity cut on top of that. But worse than this…much worse…was the anxiety that weighed on me about where our Commonwealth was heading. Many had lost their jobs. Numbers of friends had relocated to the mainland during this period, people from here who'd lived and worked most of their lives here, and people that I had thought would never willingly leave. There were the stories every other day of all of the others who'd left. One by one, businesses were shutting down. Tourism numbers were falling. Once clean streets were looking haggard and unkempt. It was looking like the retirement fund we'd contributed to for decades was going to collapse and we would lose everything we'd put in, or worse the income our parents depended on wasn't going to be there. Crime was on the rise. Doctors were leaving the hospital. We were struggling to figure out how we were going to get out of this growing economic hole. Not only did we not have any new investment coming in…investment was pulling out.

I describe my perception of this period, and I fared far better off than many, because it is important to consider just how serious the straits we were in. A few have seemed to have forgotten.

There is this line of suggestion by this few, often akin to a sales pitch in fact, that we are now in some horrible place. In order to accept this premise, one would have had to have slept through 2008 to 2013.

We are now in a place where we have a real public budget once again, where old businesses are reopening and new businesses have come into the community, investors are back, dilapidated hotels are being renovated, new hotels and resorts are being developed, jobs are once again available, consumer confidence is up, retirees are consistently getting their benefits, active employees were able to see returned what they put in plus interest, we're talking about pay raises for our police officers and for the first time increases to our minimum wage that exceed the federal mandate, we see new airlines on the tarmac once again, and new jobs are available with more coming online, but most of all… we're looking toward the future and planning for the future.

Whatever one's position might be on the development of a resort-casino, they would be hard-pressed to deny the benefits that the revenue, exposure, and improved general business climate has had, and thus the economic benefits that have come along with all of this. One would also be hard-pressed to argue that the decisions made, at what was one of the most difficult economic times in the recent history of the Commonwealth, with regard to economic development and investment are not now paying off.

A community that we want to live in is one that can economically support its residents. We are in a significantly better position economically than we were only a few years ago. We're talking about not having enough people to fill all of the jobs, rather than worrying about cutbacks and not enough jobs. We're talking about seeing pay raised, rather than considering strategies to see austerity pay cuts. We're talking about developing parks and cultural centers and visitor's centers and new visitor sites, instead of seeing cutbacks that had us unable to keep grass cut. We're seeing support for the drug court, revitalization of youth centers, canoe programs, and cultural programs, instead of wondering what programs will have to be sacrificed next year. We're having a healthy debate about where we should invest our current and future revenue, instead of simply shelving everything to focus on just scraping out an existence.

Whatever one's position was regarding the decisions that were made about particular investment or development, the fact is that the benefits we are seeing now and looking forward to are directly and indirectly related to these decisions and those in elected office who put themselves directly in the line of fire. For the sake of my kids, of our kids, and of opportunities for them… this parent is thankful that the decisions that were made, were made, and that we had leaders willing to take the political risk

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It's 12 o'clock somewhere

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"It's five o'clock somewhere" is long-standing happy hour wisdom on Saipan. It's probably wisdom in a lot of places. The phrase was also the title of a song performed by tropical-good-times icon Jimmy Buffett in a duet with country singer Alan Jackson.

If we're going to enjoy happy hour wisdom, we should balance it out with some work wisdom. After all, without work, you won't be able to afford happy hour. So here's a management tip: It's 12 o'clock somewhere.

And here's the story that goes with it:

I knew a guy who took a management job in a venue he didn't know much about. The day after he settled into his new office he walked into the general working space. He thought he'd spend a few moments getting acquainted with the clerks in the administrative department.

He couldn't get acquainted with the clerks, though, because the clerks had vanished.

The switchboard started ringing from an incoming call. Twenty seconds later, the ringing stopped. After that, the only sound was the faint hum of computers.

The new manager's first reaction was that some disaster was in the works and that everybody had fled.

So was this the apocalypse?

Nope. It was lunch.

In that particular area, and there are many like it, noon means "lunch." As soon as the clock strikes 12 the pencils are dropped. The chairs are wheeled back. Work ceases. It doesn't taper off, mind you. It doesn't limp along at some reduced rate. No, it just stops.

An hour and a quarter later (the exact timing being a function of the specific venue in question), the chairs will be rolled back to the desks. The pencils will be picked up again. Work will restart just as abruptly as it had stopped.

To the new manager, who had spent a career arranging meals (and everything else) around work, instead of the other way around, having an entire department drop dead every day seemed crazy. Wouldn't it make more sense to keep the department staffed at some minimal level, so that, for example, phone calls could be answered?

This was the question presented to my pals and I, since we all had hands-on management experience in that particular locale.

In fact, I'll pose that same question to you. You can come up with your own response. I'll pipe in some toe-tapping music from a TV game show so you've got a little time to think it through.

Got your answer? OK, let's proceed.

My pals and I were unanimous on this one: Don't mess with the 12 o'clock factor. The discontent you'd sow when changing this deeply-ensconced routine would be more costly than any minor gains you'd hope to achieve. In the great fabric of life, there are some loose strands that aren't worth pulling.

Of course, we're talking an administration department, not a sales department. If the sales line goes unanswered, that's a disenchanting thing. But if somebody selling copy paper to the supplies clerk winds up going straight to voice mail, well, the world probably won't end. Sometimes, you've got to pick your turf and your battles.

This "pick your battles" outlook runs contrary to some of the slogans I've seen in management books. I have no quarrel with that stuff, though I don't use it either. There are, after all, different ways of looking at these things, and a lot of stuff depends on context. They've got their world. I've got mine.

As for the 12 o'clock factor, the bigger picture, of course, is larger than mere lunch. Lunch is the example, but lunch is not the issue.

The issue is that every place has its own habits, its own customs, and its own outlooks. From my experience, the most productive way to approach things is to get a feel for them first, without trying to "fix everything" immediately.

With every passing year, I either know directly, or I hear from, a few folks in the mainland who are heading for exotic places to try to make a run of things. I don't like to say much, but I'm expected to cough up something that's useful. So I pretty much tell them what I just told you.

Beyond that, well, I'm sorry I can't be of further assistance; I have to be running along now. The clocks says 4 pm, so you know what to say. I'm dropping my pencil and, of course, searching for my lost shaker of salt.

Probing use of $250,000

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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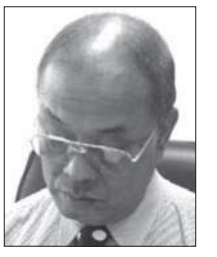

The CNMI seems home to jungle rules in the expenditure of public funds. There's just sheer attitude of inconsequence and non-accountability how public funds are spent based on legislative appropriation or authority.

For instance, it is rumored that about two years ago the Commonwealth Ports Authority approved some $250,000 for bumpers and bollards for installation at the seaport on Rota.

An employee of CPA in charge of procurement subsequently went to Rota to inspect progress on the project. He was told to forget about it. It is also rumored that upon his return to Saipan he was fired. It's an interesting development that piques my interest—what was the basis for the termination?

Was there fear he may reveal shift in the use of public funds to other than the planned project? Was there an official termination or was it withdrawn substituted by other considerations including non-disclosure agreement so he doesn't reveal where CPA misspent the $250K? Isn't this one of complicity to an illegal activity in the misuse of public funds? It gives credence to the habitual perverse use of public funds without authority and subsequently spent without accountability. *No mas*!

The board isn't an elected body, therefore it stands to reason that it isn't scot free to spend public funds without authority. Spending requires legislative appropriation with specific earmarking for a given public purpose. To do so unilaterally is to violate the concept of separation of powers. Could CPA cite the authority to spend the $250,000?

Was the project announced meeting procurement regulations? Who was the recipient? Or did the board abort the project but allowed funds to be spent elsewhere? Where was it spent? OPA must employ the Open Government Act to probe this issue to the hilt on behalf of taxpayers!

Remember when the settlement fund's trustee ad litem refused to spend money given the program by the administration because it lacked legislative appropriation? It's the same principle all over. If there wasn't any appropriation then you're in a bind. Get that pal?

Retreat is in order

Through the years, I've seen sweeping changes descend on these islands. It includes our joining the U.S. in the 70s. Along the way, a federal court reminded the NMI that the authority on immigration solely rests with our national government.

We seem reluctant to accept the sovereign role of the feds. We think we're equal in stature, ignoring political subserviency. Call it a pipe dream loaded with useless wishful thinking.

We've sued and failed. Guam may be told the same thing. Both must return to its boardroom to reassess how else does it address labor shortage.

Is this an issue to mull over to come to terms with the implied message? In our case there's no coherent blueprint setting down planned growth that takes into full view USCIS' requirements. We just want growth to spur more revenue generation. At day's end we create more jobs for foreigners. This is the unintended consequence of unbridled growth. Does it mean anything to you at all when the number of visitors overwhelms the islands?

And we need not go further than the experience of the Republic of Palau nearby. It had to cut the number of inbound flights from China. This is happening elsewhere too.

Sorry: Damning the lack of meaningful opportunities here for local college graduates, many of whom have returned to Guam, Hawaii and the U.S. mainland where jobs abound. Isn't the NMI spending millions of dollars in scholarships? Why can't it spend the same amount to see that returning scholars find coming home meaningful? Is anybody home?

I've seen young educated scholars head out, returning to the states where they received their degrees saying there are jobs and continuing education for their professional development. There's none here! There are just too many loose ends in the way we approach developmental issues. And we think that "biba" resolves it all! Come on! Get real!

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The expropriation of the $400K by Biktot Hokog for his relatives' business is a very sad chapter in our developmental history. What is it in pertinent constitutional provision that you miss? Or is this a case of imposing your own set of jungle rules? Isn't the NMI a government of laws?

More empty promises

Politicians are notorious for making offers designed to win votes with empty promises. It's election year and there's floated the idea to increase wage and salaries once more. But isn't this federal law? The postponement centered on the ruination of the apparel industry. Now, some are saying the beneficiaries are mostly from without.

Definitely, there are key players who know their profit margins would decrease if the MW is raised to the federal level. Isn't the MW plus more food stamps the perfect recipe to keep most people here living continuously in abject poverty? Isn't this hideous collusion to keep their power and profits over the wellbeing of their people? I mean why would you contribute to depowering your people scrambling and literally struggling to make ends meet?

The discussion of this and other collateral issues is far from over. At some point we should ably put the issue into perspective in the interest of meeting the needs of our people with common decency. After all, the poverty we see today isn't so designed by the multitude as much as the negligence of half-cocked politicians hardly conversant of an issue that requires some formal clue that entails economics.

It's a difficult issue but one that can no longer be allowed to slide under the table for that rainy day discussion. We will assist bring it into focus up ahead.

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courses; appeals options or easier makeup tests for students who fail mandatory exit exams; standards that allow students to "opt out" of coursework considered mandatory for college-and-career readiness.

U.S. Education Secretary John King, speaking to reporters in a conference call Monday to follow up on disclosure of the new graduation rates, conceded that there is much more work to do to ensure college readiness and career preparedness for all high school graduates.

So, yes, let's welcome encouraging news. But let's also acknowledge that we're still a long way short of where we need to be.

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The Weather

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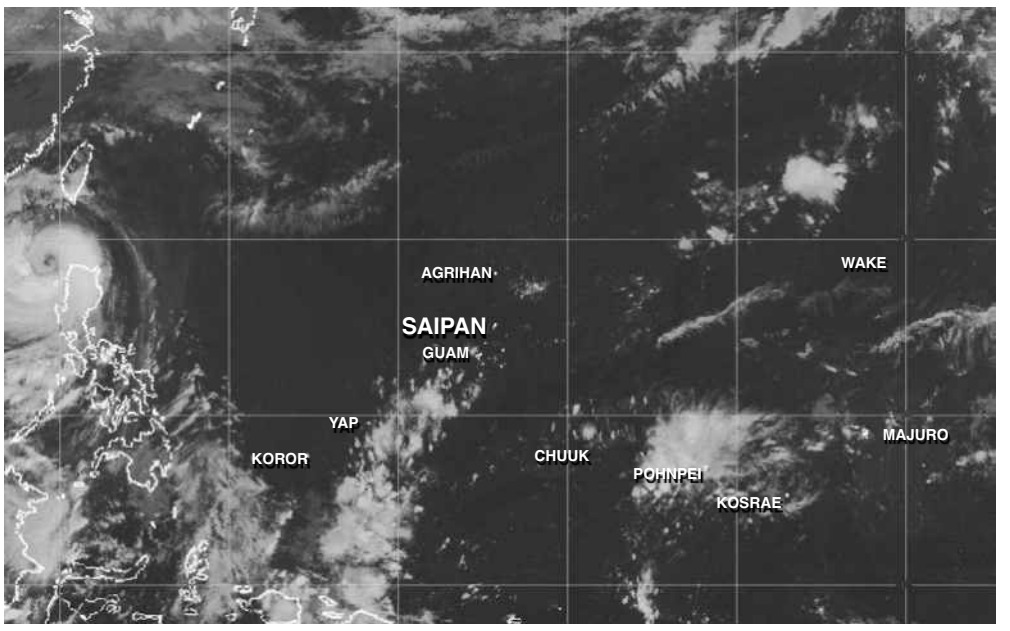

PICTURE TIME: 5:25 AM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016
WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC BETWEEN EQUATOR AND 25N FROM 130E TO 180.

An inverted trough is moving slowly westward into the Marianas this morning, as is evident on radar and satellite, which both show southeast winds east of the trough axis and northeast winds west of the axis. Winds that were earlier from the northeast at Guam are now from the east on their way to becoming southeast with the passage of the trough. Scattered showers and isolated brief thunderstorms are present over Guam and Rota waters, with plenty more on radar to the southeast. Seas at the Ritidian buoy are near 5 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▼ ▲
Guam and Rota	Strong thunderstorms	83 / 90 °F
Palau	Partly sunny	81 / 86 °F
Yap	Morning clouds	79 / 89 °F
Chuuk	Mostly cloudy	79 / 88 °F
Pohnpei	Partly sunny	77 / 86 °F
Kosrae	Afternoon clouds	83 / 88 °F
Majuro	Morning clouds	83 / 86 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE		▼ ▲
Auckland	Mostly sunny	52 / 61 °F
Beijing	Mostly cloudy	48 / 53 °F
Hong Kong	Mostly cloudy	78 / 80 °F
Honolulu	Partly cloudy	47 / 55 °F
London	Morning clouds	50 / 57 °F
Los Angeles	Haze	65 / 88 °F
Manila	Partly sunny	80 / 90 °F
Melbourne	Afternoon clouds	47 / 64 °F
Miami	Mostly sunny	71 / 83 °F
New York	Overcast	58 / 73 °F
Osaka	High level clouds	56 / 69 °F
Paris	Partly cloudy	48 / 56 °F
Pusan	Partly cloudy	64 / 67 °F
Rome	Morning clouds	54 / 67 °F
Salem	Cloudy	51 / 61 °F
San Francisco	Partly sunny	50 / 75 °F
Seoul	Morning clouds	56 / 69 °F
Tokyo	Scattered clouds	58 / 67 °F
Washington, DC	A few showers	53 / 68 °F

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5:26 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.31 Feet
12:29 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.89 Feet
6:11 PM	LOW TIDE	1.1 Feet
10:52 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.88 Feet

SUNRISE / SUNSET		
Today	6:10 AM	5:53 PM
Saturday	6:10 AM	5:53 PM
Sunday	6:10 AM	5:52 PM
Monday	6:11 AM	5:52 PM
Tuesday	6:11 AM	5:51 PM

MOONRISE / MOONSET		
Today	10:48 PM	11:02 AM
Saturday	11:45 PM	11:57 AM
Sunday	-	12:49 AM
Monday	12:40 AM	1:37 PM
Tuesday	1:33 AM	2:21 PM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4
UA6391/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA6390/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6391/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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SAIPAN TO TINIAN

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7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
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4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
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SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

1ST CNMI BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

Promoting & Embracing Health and Wellness Throughout our Lifespan

When: Monday, October 24, 2016 - Thursday, October 27, 2016
Where: World Resort, Taga Ballroom
Time: 8:00am to 4:00pm

Please join us at this conference, bringing stakeholders together to build positive relationships to help grow and enhance the Behavioral Health services we provide to the CNMI community.

Your presence, along with your passion and energy is appreciated.

Presentations by:

Mrs. Sarah Thomas-Nededog *"CNMI Behavioral Health Summit: Outcomes Report and Recommendations."*	**Mr. Tai Doram** *"Social Mal-adaption in children."*
Dr. Lawrence McGlynn *"Methamphetamine Use Disorder and the Family."*	**Mr. Jerry Diaz** *"Autism Spectrum"*
Dr. Sylvia Wally *"Behavioral Health and Cultural Perspective of Care."*	**Mr. Walter Manglona** *"The Elderly Population"*
Mrs. Athena Duenas *"Matrix Family Education: Substance abuse,Trigger and Cravings."*	**Ms. Ta'Ann Kabua & Ms. Jacky Mendiola** *"CNMI Drug Court"*
Mr. Wayne P. Law *"Depression and the Elderly Population; how to cope and recover."*	**Mr. Jesse Aguon & Mr. Glenn Manglona** *"State Epidemiological Workgroup"*

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'RWM poised to influence regional gaming market'

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Resorts World Manila, the pioneering integrated resort of the Philippines, boasts an impressive tally of 1,934 rooms through its partnership with international lodging brands.

The Maxims Pool of Resorts World Manila. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Mercado outlet of Resorts World Manila. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Bar 360 of Resorts World Manila. HANAIVY BABAUTA

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The atrium of Resorts World Manila.

By HANAIVY BABAUTA
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

As Imperial Pacific International Ltd. streams toward the completion of its initial gaming facility on Saipan, Resorts World Manila, the pioneering integrated resort of the Philippines, casts a long shadow for newcomers in the Asian gaming market.

As an integrated resort Resorts World Manila's vast property contains enough hotel options, food and beverage outlets, shopping malls, casino floors, entertainment shows, and a family amusement complex to meet any travelers' needs within one location.

Situated in Newport Boulevard in Pasay City, directly across the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3, Resorts World Manila is the first and largest integrated resort in the Philippines, having opened its doors in August of 2009.

To date, Resorts World Manila boasts an impressive tally of 1,934 rooms through its partnership with international lodging brands. RWM is currently home to four luxury hotels—Maxims Hotel, Marriott Hotel Manila, Remington Hotel Manila, and Belmont Hotel Manila—and has positioned itself to expand its accommodations with the addition of Sheraton Hotel Manila and Hilton Manila Hotel, which are currently under construction.

"People love brands here!" said RWM chief operating officer Stephen Reilly, "…and internationally, they love it in broad counts and so with these partners, we are going to get a lot more traffic coming

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RWM

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through."

In the previous week alone, approximately 27,000 to 35,000 individuals travelled through Resorts World Manila a day, Reilly said.

Located within Resorts World Manila are over 50 food and beverage outlets, high-end shopping malls, upscale cinemas, vast gaming floors, an award winning performing arts theatre, and the Marriott Grand Ballroom which spans over 3,000 sq.m. and holds the Philippines' biggest ballroom with the capacity to host up to 2,500 to 4,000 persons.

Travellers International Hotel Group Inc. was developed through a partnership between Alliance Global Group, Inc. and Genting Hong Kong Ltd., two powerhouse companies with vast business interests across different industries such as hospitality, food and beverage, and property development, which created Resorts World Manila as their first project.

Resorts World Manila is now just one integrated resort among the Resorts World empire that now spans the United States, Asia, and the Caribbean. The Philippines is just less than four hours flight from Saipan and four and a half hours away from Guam, making it an ideal destination for not just a quick getaway, but also a strategic hub of medical tourism in the region. Just this year, world-class healthcare provider St. Luke's Medical Center partnered with Resorts World Manila to further its commitment of providing top caliber medical care.

Located within Resorts World Manila and near Bonifacio Global City where St. Luke's Medical Center is located, the Belmont and Remington hotels provide ideal medical tourism arrangements by extending their services to the hospital's patients.

In Manila, Reilly projects that "within the next two to three years, we will be sitting on a grand total of close to 4,500 [rooms]."

"This is something we planned for because the demand is so high, and the demand will get higher and higher," he added.

With its world-class brands, convenient shopping malls, luxurious accommodations and ambitious growth projections, Resorts World Manila is certainly poised to influence the competitive regional gaming and entertainment market.

It is not hard to see that the vision Resorts World Manila has for the region can potentially offer a competitive edge to the regional integrated resort market, as it continues to live up to its moniker of "one-stop, nonstop, entertainment and tourism destination."

HANAIVY BABAUTA

Beth Del Rosario of *Saipan Tribune* poses with RWM officials.

The Impressions outlet of Resorts World Manila. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Ginzadon outlet of Resorts World Manila. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Genting Club of Resorts World Manila. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Resorts World Manila stages a premiere of *Annie the Musical.* HANAIVY BABAUTA

It's all about Championing the People's Cause

Your Republican Leaders remain committed to its ideals in developing a vibrant community. They advocate and advance legislations and programs that create opportunities through increase of business developments, infrastructure enhancements, creation of jobs, increase of family disposable income, and other capacity building initiatives to advance the quality of life for our people. Your Republican Candidates are eager to continue championing the people's cause.

As your Representative, I authored H.B. 19-187 to increase the CNMI minimum wage to the federal level without further delay. I also co-sponsored and voted for the passage of H.B. 19-3 to enact a new base salary schedule for all civil service employees of the government. With more money in the hands of consumers, family securities are enhanced while demand for goods and services support business activities. After all, empowering families with disposable income makes economic sense. I am STILL COMMITTED TO YOU.

I humbly ask for your continued vote of confidence this November.

4 DEMAPAN, Angel Aldan

Having a healthy economy should equate to improved livelihoods for every individual family. It is useless for the economy to continue to rise if family income remains the same. I have worked to support and advance legislation that will improve the financial security of our people. From salary adjustments for government employees and increasing minimum wage for private sector employees to restoring full pension benefits to our retirees. I will continue to create opportunities for our people to prosper along with a thriving economy. I ask for your continued trust and for your vote of confidence as we work diligently to sustain responsible economic growth that would support our initiatives to continue enhancing the quality of life of our people.

5 DELEON GUERRERO, Joseph Pinaula

Our people deserve nothing less than knowing that their elected leaders act in the public's best interests. Serving the interests of the public has always been my top priority in my prior terms as your legislator, and will remain my priority if elected as your REPRESENTATIVE once again. I will ensure that our government preserves your values in its decision making processes.

I pledge NO FANCY WORDS…. Just HARD WORK.

This November, I humbly ask for your help, your support and for your vote of confidence.

6 MARATITA, Janet Ulloa

The work that I do has always been for the welfare of our people. I have authored and supported legislation that advances programs to improve the life standard of our people. Our progress is evident with a robust economy that has resonated business developments, recovery of full retirement pension, more job opportunities and increase in family disposable income.

I pledge my continued commitment to a balance investment options on our island that will further provide our residents equal access to opportunities.

With humility and respect, I ask for your continued vote of confidence.

7 SABLAN, Antonio Pangelinan

I am passionate about continuing to be your Representative that helps push forward ideas, shaping an innovative and sustainable new direction, and putting in the work required to make the necessary improvements for our community.

My priorities remain the local economy and the future of our community and culture. I will ensure an open and accountable representation that remains focused on what is best for our entire community.

This November, I respectfully ask for your vote of confidence. Elect a Proven Leader with Progressive Ideas.

8 GUERRERO, Joseph Lee Pan Tenorio

My candidacy is based on making sensible improvements for the CNMI. As a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army Reserve, my priorities are to help our soldiers, veterans and retirees gain access to better healthcare and benefits.

I will also focus on advancing legislation and programs to strengthen enforcement of our drug laws to reduce crime and protect our community. Together, we can build a safer CNMI. I respectfully ask for your vote so that we can continue the course of the Solution Driven Leadership to further enhance our way of life.

11 SABLAN, Gregorio Jr. Muna

Electing the right candidate in the Senate is equally important to provide assurance that legislation and programs are supported and pushed through in the Senate. That assurance can only be secured with your Republican Candidate.

As your Senator, I am committed to the sensible development of the CNMI. During this initial 2 years, I focused my time on our retirees, policy realignment, healthcare, public utilities and most of all to the recovery of development efforts.

Together, we are shaping our future but we've still got a lot of work ahead. I respectfully ask for your vote so that we can keep on this course to further improve our way of life. Please vote SIXTO KAIPAT IGISOMAR # 1 on your senatorial ballot, on November 8, 2016

1 IGISOMAR, Sixto Kaipat

This November, we will be asked to vote for candidates with promises to increase our quality of life. Your Solution Driven Leadership shares the progress that has been done. To ensure that the work of the people advances forward, we ask for your vote to elect Your Republican Candidates. They are eager to continue championing the cause of the People.

Un Dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase. Ghillisson. Maraming Salamat Po. Thank you.

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AMP offers paid internship opportunity

National Park Service officials would like to inform the public of federal career opportunities at the American Memorial Park.

The park just opened a vacancy announcement for a student trainee (park guide), a part-time temporary position. Applicants must be accepted for enrollment or enrolled in a degree or certificate program on at least a half-time basis and in good standing. The pay rate begins at $13.84 per hour, plus 13.70 percent cost of living allowance and federal benefits.

This position is responsible for performing interpretive services as a park guide involving duties such as guiding tours of the visitor center, interpreting natural and historic park features, answering visitor questions, posting to social media, documenting park statistics, assisting with special events, and providing miscellaneous services to visitors.

The vacancy announcement will be open from Oct. 20 to Oct. 26 (eastern standard time).

Federal jobs are posted at www.USAJOBS.gov. If you do not have a current USAJOBS account, you will need to create one online at https://login.usajobs.gov/Account/Create

Please keep in mind that all applicants must submit a resume, and include other pertinent information, e.g., SF 50, DD 214, etc., to be considered. It is important that you follow instructions as provided on the announcement. Applications must be received prior to 11:59pm (EST) of the closing date of the announcement in order to be considered.

Instructions for an alternate way to submit the application (via fax) is listed in the vacancy announcement.

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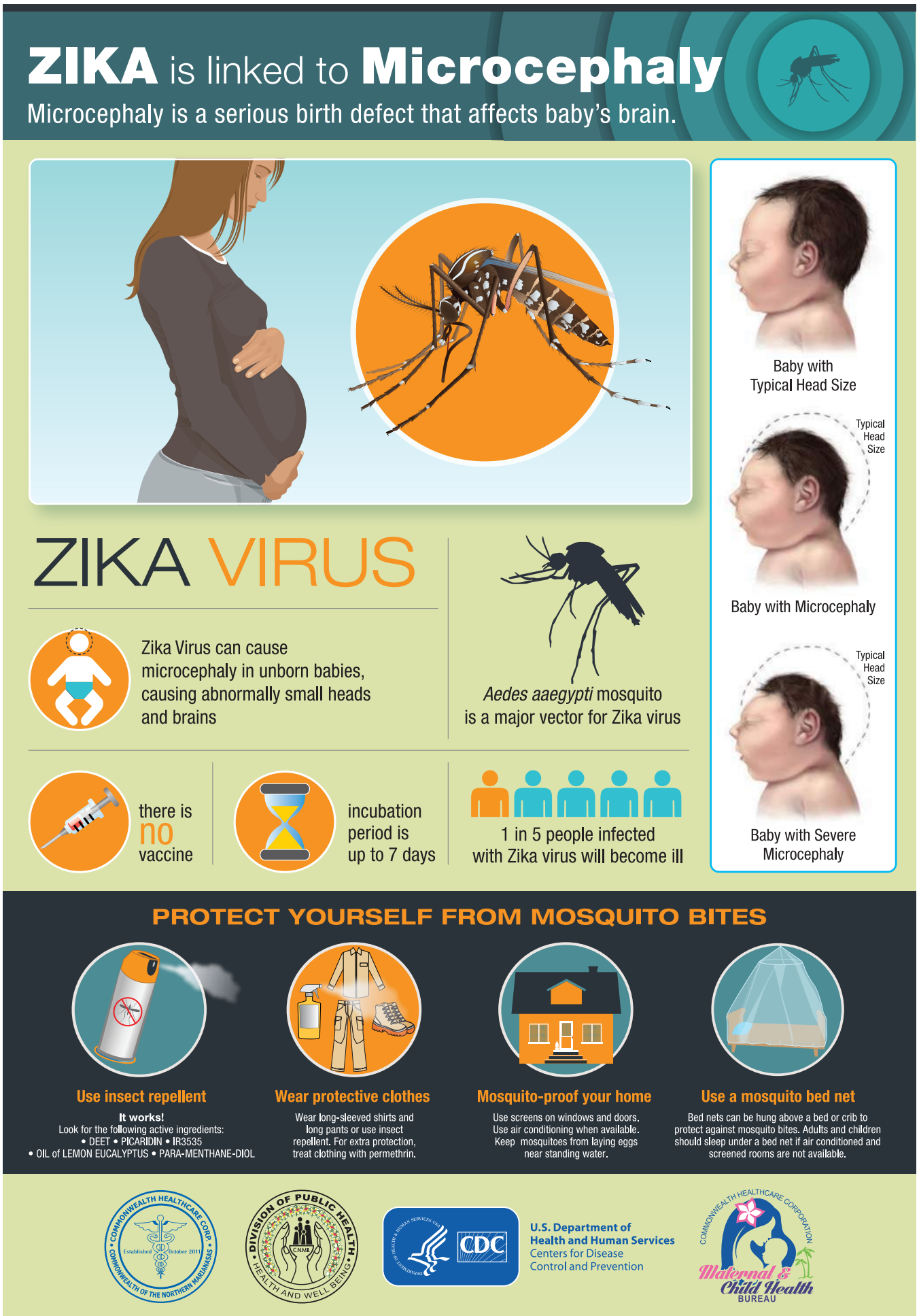
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'Arts for Independence' fundraiser set

HAGÅTÑA, Guam—Independent Guåhan will be hosting an "Arts for Independence" fundraiser today, Oct. 21, from 6pm to 9pm at The Venue in Hagåtña. The fundraiser will feature spoken word poetry, collaborative art projects, music, games, and an art auction. Tickets are $15 and include one drink.

Several local artists have donated paintings, books, and other locally made crafts for the art auction, including Andrea Nicole Grajek, Angela Santos, B.J. Bell, Fanai Castro, Franceska DeOro, Hila'an San Nicolas, James Bamba, Joseph Certeza, Kaitlin McManus, Kie Susuico, Michael Lujan Bevacqua, Monaeka Flores, Myracle Mugol, Nathalie Pereda, Nathan Topasna and Nina Peck. The evening will feature original music by Chris Boomer and JD Innawave, floral art by Art DeOro, and spoken word poetry by Melvin Won Pat-Borja, Kisha Borja-Quichocho Calvo, Nichole Quintanilla, Shane Root, and Shannon Siguenza.

"Our group has been pushing for, educating and empowering the community in many ways this year and this event is no different," notes Monaeka Flores, the co-chair for Independent Guåhan's Outreach Committee. "But this time we are focusing on inviting people to join the conversation in terms of creativity and imagining independence through art. In the movement for decolonization, creativity is key in inspiring people to get educated and also get involved."

Independent Guåhan is the community arm of the Independence for Guåhan Task Force. The Independence for Guåhan Task Force receives funding from the Government of Guam, however, this money comes with restrictions in terms of its use and can sometimes take months to access. Thus, this fundraiser will help support educational activities, creative endeavors, and promotional materials focused on Independence that do not qualify for government funds. ***(PR)***

Business

Local carriers dodge Samsung Note 7 bullet

Usually, the possibility to burn your house down is not a feature everybody looks for in a cellular phone.

With the Note 7's figurative and literal explosive performance, Samsung was able to make a phablet that not only impressed the consumers, but also burn itself in the foot. Ultimately, Samsung halted production and sales of the Note 7.

Docomo Pacific brand manager Danny Daniels said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* that due to the low number of Note 7 sales, the company was able to make a personalized effort in order to evade catastrophic consequences brought about by the phablet's unusual feature.

"Here on Saipan, there were only two that were sold. We've made efforts to reach out to those customers so that we can either exchange their unit for something that they preferred so that they had options because we are no longer carrying [the Note 7] in our lineup," said Daniels.

"Because it is such a low number, we were able to handle it based on what the customer wants. Our approach to that is a personalized effort for them to be able to [exchange their unit]."

In Guam, although more sales were made, the same efforts were put into place.

"In Guam, there was a good interest on the Note 7. What we did in Guam was we reached out to them personally again, so we were able to call them. We did a public service announcement using social media to just give us a ring if you've purchased one from us and we asked them to power down the device and call our customer services to understand how they wanted to move forward," said Daniels.

Docomo Note 7 sales in Guam reached about 30 units.

There were no incidents of Note 7 units bursting into flames in Guam and in the CNMI.

IT&E executive director Robert Harrell said that they had a preorder sale in which six customers participated, but all were ultimately given refunds.

"IT&E did not distribute any Note 7 and canceled orders with our vendors. Once the problem started to surface we made a business decision to not take any chances with the product and issued refunds," he said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

IT&E chief operating officer John Compton confirmed that they received shipment from their suppliers, but decided to return them as soon as problems started to surface elsewhere in the world.

"We never sold any Note 7s to any customer in the CNMI or Guam," said Compton, also through email.

Samsung Korea has issued a press release stating that the deadline for Note 7 returns are up to Dec. 31, 2016. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-17-001

Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities for the Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks responses from qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS (OEM's) from which CUC intends to select one proposer to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's power supply requirements.

The Scope of Work and Solicitation Package will be emailed upon request, by CUC Procurement & Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays. Prospective proponents for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at Power Plant Administration Office in Lower Base, Saipan on **October 18, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to Power Plant No. 1 facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-17-001 – Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 9, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 20, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org and Venugopal Prabhakara, Power Generation APCM/PM via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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Acting Executive Director

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-17-001

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ADDENDUM NO. 1

Dated: October 14, 2016

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is hereby notifying prospective Offerors of the following amendments to CUC-RFP-17-001:

➢ **EXTENSION OF PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:**

*The Pre-proposal conference schedule date has been extended from October 18, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST) to **October 31, 2016** at 10:00 AM (ChST).*

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at Power Plant Administration Office in Lower Base, Saipan on **October 31, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to Power Plant No. 1 facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

➢ **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF QUESTIONS OR REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION:**

*The deadline for submission of questions or requests for clarification has been extended from October 20, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST) to **November 3, 2016** at 10:00 AM (ChST).*

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 3, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org and Venugopal Prabhakara, Power Generation APCM/PM via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

➢ **DEADLINE FOR BID SUBMISSION:**

*The deadline for bid submission has been extended from November 9, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST) to **November 30, 2016** at 10:00 AM (ChST).*

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-17-001 – Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 30, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

All other terms and conditions in the Specification/Scope of Work, shall remain unchanged and in full force.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

Attorney general leads criminal probe of Wells Fargo bank

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—California's attorney general is conducting a criminal investigation into whether employees at San Francisco-based Wells Fargo bank stole customers' identities in the sales practices scandal that rocked the bank and cost its CEO his job, documents released Wednesday show.

A search warrant and supporting affidavit released by the state Department of Justice show that agents sought evidence related to allegations that bank employees created up to 2 million bank and credit card accounts without customers' approval in order to meet sales goals.

The warrant, first reported by the Los Angeles Times, was served Oct. 5. Copies obtained by The Associated Press under a public records request show Attorney General Kamala Harris' office sought the names of customers who had accounts opened without their permission, the names of employees who opened the accounts and their managers, and fees associated with the improperly opened accounts.

"We can't comment on an ongoing investigation," Kristin Ford, a spokeswoman for the attorney general, said in an email.

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Pets at work may help atmosphere

NEW YORK (AP)—When a conference call turns tedious, Brent Robertson can still count on getting a smile from watching Gus rolling around on the floor.

The golden retriever is a regular visitor to Fathom, Robertson's management consulting business in West Hartford, Connecticut. So are Pookie and Ari, dogs owned by two of Robertson's co-workers.

Beyond the old tradition of a used bookstore or antique shop having a resident cat, some urban delicatessens and bodegas have cats to mitigate any rodent problems. And at some smaller professional businesses with a relaxed culture, it's becoming more acceptable for employees bring in their pets. Robertson is among business owners who think having animals around boosts morale, improves the work atmosphere and raises productivity.

"Everyone seems to smile and immediately become a little bit happier," says Barbara Goldberg, CEO of O'Connell & Goldberg, a public relations company based in Hollywood, Florida. Her bulldog, Rosie, is a frequent visitor.

A survey by the Society for Human Resources Management found that 7 percent of organizations allow pets in the workplace, though that may not reflect the practices of very small businesses that don't have HR officers.

At Badger Maps, owner Steve Benson's Pomeranian mix, Foxy, seems to know when employees of the San Francisco app developer need some comfort.

"They're very intuitive," Benson says of dogs. "They have the ability to recognize when someone's stressed out."

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Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-17-002

CONSULTANCY SERVICES, SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SIX ENGINE SYSTEMS

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities for the oversight and management of Supply and Installation of Six (6) Engine Systems, 8-10 MW/Each, at CUC Saipan Power Plant 1, Saipan, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks responses from suitably qualified entities from which CUC intends to select one consultant to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's consultancy and construction management requirements.

The Scope of Work and Solicitation Package will be emailed upon request, by CUC Procurement & Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays. Prospective proponents for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at Power Plant Administration Office in Lower Base, Saipan on **October 19, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to Power Plant No. 1 facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-17-002 – Consultancy Services, Supply and Installation of Six Engine Systems"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 10, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

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All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business

license in compliance with the Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-17-004

Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Station Service Generator Sets at Power Plants 1 and 4

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced contractors, including their local authorized representatives for the Supply, Installation & Commissioning of one (1) each 750 kW Diesel Generating Set at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base and one (1) each 200 kW Diesel Generating Set at CUC Power Plant No. 4, Puerto Rico, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Contractor shall provide and pay for all labor, materials, tools, equipment, transportation, temporary construction of every nature, and all other services and facilities necessary to execute, complete and deliver the Diesel Generating Sets and work within the specified time frame.

CUC intends to select one proposer to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's station service power supply requirements at Power Plant No. 1 and 4.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at Power Plant Administration Office in Lower Base, Saipan on **October 27, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to Power Plant No. 1 and 4 facilities will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal, though it is not a mandatory requirement.

Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID.

One (1) original and Five (6) hard copies and 1 Compact Disc (CD) of the entire submission in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-17-004 – Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Station Service Generator Sets at Power plants 1 and 4"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on November 18, 2016.** Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

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Nation

Trump won't say he'll accept election result

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Threatening to upend a fundamental pillar of American democracy, Donald Trump refused to say Wednesday night that he will accept the results of next month's election if he loses to Hillary Clinton. The Democratic nominee declared Trump's resistance "horrifying."

Trump had spent the days leading up to the third and final presidential debate warning voters that the election would be "rigged." Asked whether he would accept the outcome if Clinton emerges victorious, he said, "I will tell you at the time. I'll keep you in suspense."

Trump's assertions raise the prospect that millions of his supporters may not accept the results on Nov. 8 if he loses, thrusting the nation into uncharted territory. Free and fair elections, with the vanquished peacefully stepping aside for the victor, have been the underpinning of America's democratic tradition since the country's founding 240 years ago.

Clinton

Trump

The Republican National Committee immediately disavowed Trump's statement. There is no evidence of widespread voter fraud, and election officials across the country have denied and denounced Trump's charges.

Wednesday's contest quickly shifted from a calm, policy-focused faceoff into a bitter and deeply personal confrontation. Trump called Clinton a "nasty woman," while the Democrat panned him as "unfit" to be commander in chief.

Clinton, who began the debate with a lead in nearly all battleground states, forcefully accused Trump of favoring Russia's leader over American military and intelligence experts after the Republican nominee pointedly refused to accept the U.S. government's assertion that Moscow has sought to meddle in the U.S. election.

She charged that Russian President Vladimir Putin was backing Trump because "he'd rather have a puppet as president of the United States."

Trump denied any relationship with Putin and said he would condemn any foreign interference in the election. But he notably declined to back the intelligence community's assessment that Russia was involved in the hacking of Democratic organizations. The Clinton campaign has said the FBI also is investigating Russia's involvement in the hacking of a top adviser's emails.

The 90-minute contest in Las Vegas came just under three weeks before Election Day and with early voting underway in more than 30 states. Trump has struggled to expand his support beyond his most loyal backers and must reshape the race in its closing days if he hopes to defeat Clinton.

The candidates clashed repeatedly over their drastically different visions for the nation's future. Trump backed Supreme Court justices who would overturn the landmark Roe vs. Wade ruling, while Clinton vowed to appoint justices that would uphold the decision legalizing abortion, saying, "We have come too far to have that turned back now."

The businessman entered the final debate facing a string of sexual assault accusations from women who came forward after he denied in the previous contest that he had kissed or groped women without their consent. That Trump denial followed the release of a video of in which he's heard bragging about exactly that.

Trump denied the accusations anew Wednesday night, saying the women coming forward "either want fame or her campaign did it." He falsely said the women's allegations had been debunked.

Clinton said Trump "thinks belittling women makes him bigger. He goes after their dignity, their self-worth." She avoided answering a question about her husband's infidelities.

Trump pressed Clinton on immigration, accusing her of wanting an "open borders" policy, a characterization she vigorously disputes. The Republican, who has called for building a wall the length of the U.S.-Mexico border, blamed some "bad hombres here" for drug epidemics around the country, and promised "we're going to get 'em out."

Clashing on trade, Trump said Clinton had misrepresented her position on the Trans-Pacific Partnership, noting that she had originally called it the "gold standard" of trade agreements. Clinton shot back that once the deal was finished, it didn't meet her standards.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-17-008

BULK CHLORINE STORAGE FACILITY

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the construction of a facility for the bulk storage of the CUC's chlorine supply in Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists of a building and site improvements to adequately store and secure chlorine gas cylinders, including all appurtenances and features necessary to comply with applicable standards, regulations and codes. The storage facility includes a chlorine storage area, an operator area to store personal protective equipment and an electrical/mechanical room, emergency showers, eye washing stations, chlorine gas scrubber equipment, ventilation system, fire protection, alarm systems and emergency power.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **270 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Justen Landan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **November 3, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-17-008, Bulk Chlorine Storage Facility Project"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 21, 2016**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. *Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.*

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

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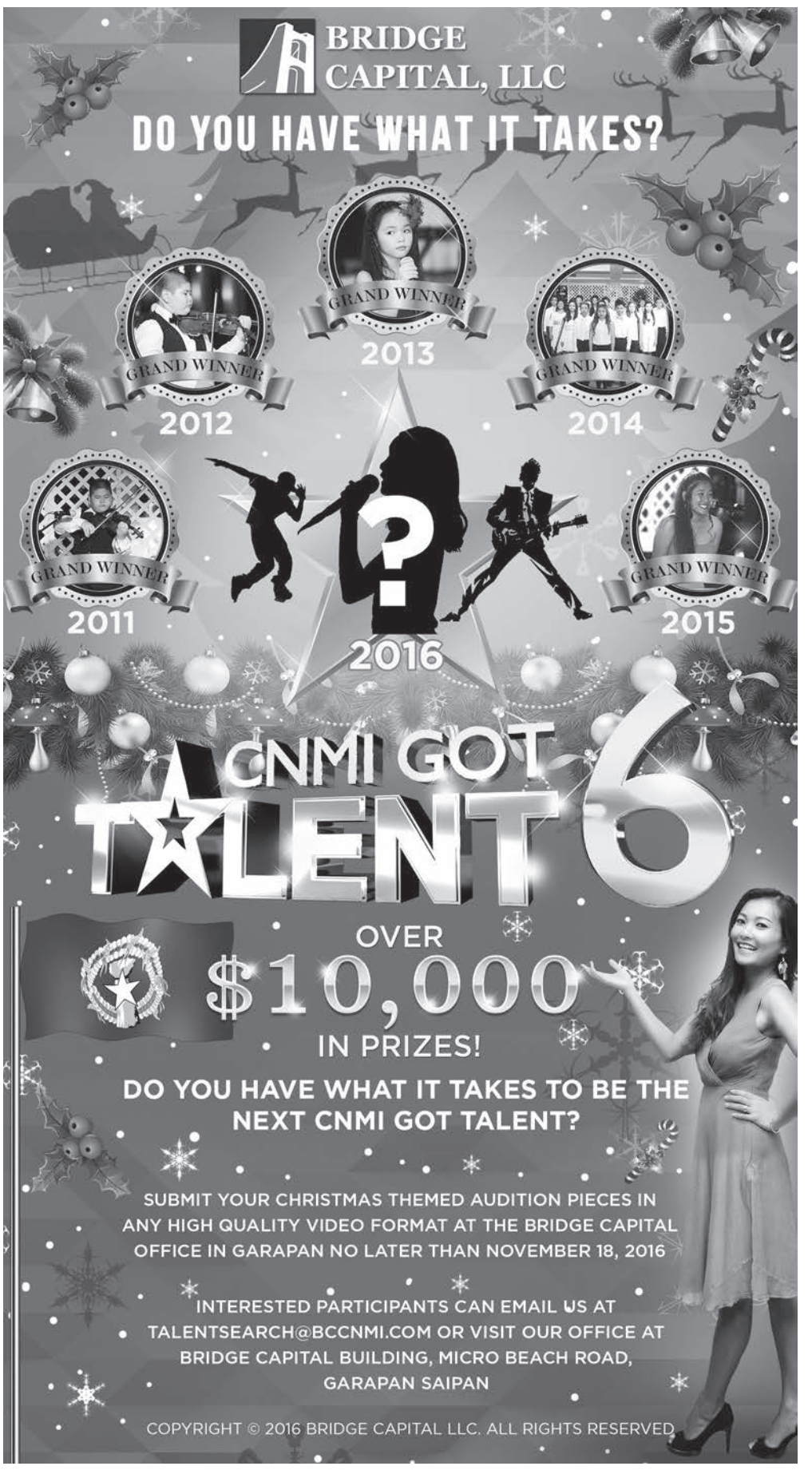
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This internal job announcement will remain open until filled. Also, this job announcement can be seen and a printable copy of the application downloaded at http://www.justice.gov.mp.

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Prosecutors launch 2nd bid for conviction in Etan Patz death

NEW YORK (AP)—Revisiting a crime that shattered a bygone era's sense of safety, prosecutors on Wednesday launched their second bid for a conviction in one of the nation's most influential missing-child cases, the 1979 disappearance of Etan Patz.

After a jury deadlock last year, suspect Pedro Hernandez is back on trial in a case that eluded investigators for decades, ratcheted up Americans' consciousness of missing children and now centers on whether a chilling confession was true.

"It's a cautionary tale, a defining moment, a loss of innocence," Manhattan Assistant District Attorney Joan Illuzzi said as opening statements began. "It is Etan who will forever symbolize the loss of that innocence."

With his father and Hernandez's wife and daughter looking on, the trial began as an echo of the haunting story that unfolded over four months last year—so haunting that eight of the prior jurors and alternates were in the audience Wednesday to watch.

Prosecutors say Hernandez, 55, hid a brutal secret for more than 30 years. His lawyers say he's mentally ill and falsely confessed to waylaying and killing 6-year-old Etan as he walked to his school bus stop on May 25, 1979.

"Pedro Hernandez is an innocent man" implicated only by his own imagination, defense lawyer Harvey Fishbein told jurors. "He's not a child killer, but he's an odd, limited and vulnerable man."

Etan's disappearance—on the first day his mother let him walk to the bus stop alone—did much to slam a door on a time when American parents felt comfortable letting children roam their neighborhoods unaccompanied.

The body of the upbeat, trusting boy was never found, but his face became one of the first missing-children's portraits that Americans saw on milk cartons. The anniversary of his disappearance became National Missing Children's Day, and his parents helped push for a law that modernized how authorities handle missing-child cases.

Hernandez, 55, of Maple Shade, New Jersey, worked at a corner store by Etan's bus stop. But Hernandez wasn't a suspect until police got a 2012 tip from his brother-in-law. He was among several relatives and acquaintances who later testified that Hernandez said years ago he'd killed a child in New York.

Hernandez then told authorities, on video, that he'd choked Etan after offering him a soda to lure him into the store's basement.

"Something just took over me," Hernandez said. "I'm being honest. I feel bad what I did."

Prosecutors suggest the motive was sexual and depict Hernandez as a cunning criminal. "You will see a man with very good memory, controlling and very aware of what he was going to say and what he wasn't going to say" when he confessed, Illuzzi told jurors Wednesday.

But the defense says the confession is fiction, imagined by a man with a history of hallucinations and an IQ in the lowest 2 percent of the population, and fueled by more than six hours of police questioning off-camera. No physical evidence or eyewitnesses connect him to Etan's disappearance.

NYC mayor: Police shooting of woman, 66, was 'unacceptable'

NEW YORK (AP)—New York City's mayor castigated a police sergeant Wednesday for fatally shooting a mentally ill, 66-year-old woman brandishing a baseball bat, saying her "tragic" and "unacceptable" death resulted from failure to follow basic policies.

"Our officers are supposed to use deadly force only when faced with a dire situation. It's very hard to see that standard was met," a somber Mayor Bill de Blasio said. "Something went horribly wrong here."

The unusual rebuke came less than 24 hours after Deborah Danner, who is black, was shot to death in her Bronx apartment. And it came even as investigators were still looking into why the white officer didn't call for an emergency services unit and didn't use his department-issued stun gun.

"Deborah Danner should be alive right now, period," the mayor said. "If the protocols had been followed, she would be alive. It's as simple as that."

Wednesday night, a group of more than two dozen protesters marched from Danner's apartment to a local police precinct chanting "no justice, no peace" and "send those killer cops to jail."

Earlier, New York police Commissioner James O'Neill said his department "failed" by not using means other than deadly force.

"That's not how it's supposed to go," O'Neill said. "It's not how we train; our first obligation is to preserve life, not to take a life when it can be avoided."

The head of the police union representing sergeants, Ed Mullins, said the shooting was self-defense and bemoaned what he characterized as a politically motivated rush to judgment.

"We could be sitting here talking about how a 66-year-old ... fractured his skull," Mullins said.

Police were responding to a 911 call about an emotionally disturbed person around 6:15 p.m. Tuesday when an eight-year veteran of the force, Sgt. Hugh Barry, encountered Danner in her seventh-floor apartment, police said.

Officers had been called to Danner's home several times before to take her to the hospital during psychiatric episodes, the mayor said. Each of those times, she was taken away safely. This time was different.

Barry persuaded Danner to drop a pair of scissors she had been holding, but when she picked up the bat and tried to strike him, he fired two shots that hit her torso, police said.

Danner's sister, Jennifer, was in the hallway, outside the apartment, waiting to accompany her to the hospital, when the shots rang out, said the mayor, who spoke to her on Wednesday.

3 sex-spread diseases hit another record high, CDC says

NEW YORK (AP)—Infections from three sexually spread diseases have hit another record high.

Chlamydia (kluh-MID'-ee-uh) was the most common. More than 1.5 million cases were reported in the U.S. last year, up 6 percent from the year before.

Nearly 400,000 gonorrhea (gah-nuh-REE'-uh) cases were reported, up 13 percent. And there were about 24,000 cases of the most contagious forms of syphilis, up 19 percent.

The three infections are treatable with antibiotics.

Officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say part of the growth may be due to better testing and diagnosis, but much of it is a real increase. They're not sure why.

The CDC released the new numbers Wednesday.

An estimated 20 million cases of sexually transmitted infections occur each year in the U.S.

Asia

Haima leaves at least 5 dead in northern PH

VIGAN, Philippines (AP)— At least five people were killed after Super Typhoon Haima smashed into the northern Philippines with ferocious winds and rains overnight, flooding towns and forcing thousands to flee before weakening Thursday and blowing into the South China Sea, officials said.

Haima's blinding winds and rain had rekindled fears and memories from the catastrophe wrought by Typhoon Haiyan in 2013, but there were no immediate reports of any major damage amid faulty communications and power outages in several villages cut off from government aid and rescue teams by fallen trees, landslide and flood.

Nearly 100,000 villagers were evacuated from high-risk communities as the typhoon approached, helping prevent a larger number of casualties.

Two construction workers died, however, when a landslide buried their shanty in La Trinidad town in the mountain province of Benguet, officials said, while two villagers drowned in floodwaters and another is missing in Ifugao province, near Benguet. A 70-year-old man died apparently of a heart attack while being brought to an emergency shelter from a flooded neighborhood in Isabela province, officials said.

Although storms are a part of life in the country's north, many villagers were still horrified by Haima's fury.

"In my age, I'm 60 years old, this is the strongest typhoon I have ever seen," village councilor Willie Cabalteja told The Associated Press in Vigan city in Ilocos Sur province. "We haven't slept. Trees were forced down, houses lost their roofs and fences and metal sheets were flying around all night."

The fast-moving Pacific typhoon slammed into shore in northeastern Cagayan province late Wednesday then barreled northwestward before blowing out into the South China Sea with sustained winds of 150 kilometers (93 miles) per hour and gusts of up to 185 kph (115 mph), according to forecasters.

AP

Filipino Joybin Marayo, 58, salvages metals on a damaged boat that was washed ashore by strong waves brought about by Typhoon Haima in Manila, Philippines on Thursday Oct. 20, 2016.

Although weakening, the typhoon was expected to blow toward China, Filipino forecasters said.

After dawn, the extent of damage in Cagayan — about 500 kilometers (310 miles) north of Manila — and nearby regions became evident, with overturned vans, toppled or leaning electric posts and debris blocking roads. Most stores, their window panes shattered and canopies shredded by the wind, were close.

In northern Ilocos Sur province, ricefields resembled brown lakes under waist-high floodwaters, although cleanup operations had started.

"Search, rescue and retrieval operations are ongoing," Office of Civil Defense administrator Ricardo Jalad said in a statement.

The government's weather agency lowered most of its storm warnings after the typhoon blew out of the main northern Luzon region.

Many of the provinces hit by the storm were still recovering from a powerful typhoon that killed two people and displaced tens of thousands of villagers last weekend.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, on a state visit to China, urged people in the typhoon's path to heed orders by disaster agencies. Duterte is to fly home Friday.

About 20 typhoons and storms lash the Philippines each year, adding to the many burdens in a country that is also threatened by earthquakes and volcanic eruptions and considered one of the world's most disaster-prone nations.

In November 2013, Typhoon Haiyan struck the central Philippines with ferocious power, leaving more than 7,300 people dead and displacing more than 5 million others after leveling entire villages.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Indonesia police shoot machete-wielding man with IS symbol

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)— A man with an Islamic State group symbol was shot Thursday after attacking police on the outskirts of the Indonesian capital Jakarta with a machete, police said. Jakarta police spokesman Awi Setiyono said three officers including a local police chief were injured and the attacker was shot in the leg to disable him. He is now in police custody. Footage broadcast on TVOne showed the man limping around a busy city road carrying weapons including what appeared to be a pipe bomb. At one point, the footage showed him running toward an officer. Police were monitoring a protest when the attack occurred Thursday morning in the satellite city of Tangerang.

Man in Afghan uniform kills 1 US soldier, 1 US civilian

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)— NATO and an Afghan official say a man wearing an Afghan army uniform has killed a U.S. service member and an American civilian in the capital Kabul. A NATO statement Wednesday said another U.S. service member and two U.S. civilians were also wounded and were in a stable condition. Dawlat Waziri, spokesman for the Afghan defense ministry, said the attack took place inside a military base. The NATO statement said the attacker was later killed. The victims were conducting duties as part of the larger NATO mission to train and advise the Afghan security services. An investigation was being conducted to determine the exact circumstances of the incident, the NATO statement added.

Australia lifts jail threat for doctors treating refugees

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Lawyers say the Australian government has quietly lifted the threat of jailing doctors who speak out against child abuse and neglect of asylum seekers in detention. Doctors for Refugees, a volunteer organization, launched a High Court challenge in July to the constitutional validity of secrecy provisions within the Border Force Act. Doctors argue the provisions gag them from speaking publicly about conditions in Australia-run immigration camps on remote islands. Lawyer Meghan Fitzgerald said Thursday the doctors' legal team discovered in court documents this week that the government had exempted health professionals from the secrecy provisions shortly before lodging its legal defense.

PH leader meets China's president in charm offensive

BEIJING (AP)—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte was meeting Thursday with his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping in Beijing as part of a charm offensive aimed at seeking trade and support from the Asian giant by setting aside a thorny territorial dispute.

Duterte was greeted by Xi with full military honors at the Great Hall of the People, the seat of the ceremonial legislature in the heart of Beijing. The two leaders are due to oversee the signing of a raft of agreements between their governments following their discussions.

China has hailed Duterte's visit as a step toward ending years of estrangement between the countries. Tensions ran high after the Philippines won a major arbitration lawsuit against Beijing's massive territorial claims in the South China Sea just three months ago.

Duterte has walked a tightrope in trying to mend damaged relations with China while defending his country's claims in the disputed South China Sea.

In Beijing, the Philippine leader known for his devil-may-care, profanity-laden speeches said Wednesday he would not raise the issue that has angered China unless his Chinese counterpart first brought it up, out of "courtesy" to his host.

"As a matter of courtesy and in the Oriental way, you always wait," Duterte said ahead of a meeting with members of the Filipino business community in Beijing on Wednesday. "Because I am a visitor, I can't destroy the goodwill by just blurting out something."

He also signaled a major shift in reliance on the U.S., the Philippines' long-standing defense treaty ally, telling the Filipino community members: "So it's about time to say good-bye, my friend. Your stay in my country was for you own benefit."

He has already said he wants U.S. visiting troops to leave the southern Mindanao region and to President Barack Obama "you can go to hell." He has also said he would terminate joint combat exercises between Filipino and U.S. troops.

"No more American interference. No more American exercises. What for?" he said Wednesday night. "I will not go to America anymore. We will just be insulted there."

In interviews with Chinese state media published and aired this week, Duterte has said "only China can help" his country, urging the country not to leave out the Philippines from a regional trade initiative and to give his country a railroad "if you find it in your heart."

But the overtures have drawn criticism of Duterte at home in the Philippines, where the public is wary of taking a deferential attitude to a country regarded as a bully.

Thais honor late king by getting tattooed

BANGKOK (AP)—In honor of Thailand's late king, some Thais are collecting portraits of the monarch, some are purchasing commemorative banknotes—and some are getting tattooed.

The death of revered King Bhumibol Adulyadej last week, after a reign of 70 years, triggered an outpouring of grief. Many Thais have been wearing black, praying at temporary shrines and taking part in activities such as alms giving.

"I wanted to have a memory in my heart about the loss of our king. He's not going anywhere, he'll always be here," said Supreeda Sorapakdee, 42, as he pointed to his left chest. On it is a new tattoo of the number 9 in Thai with a silhouette of the king. Bhumibol's title was King Rama IX.

"This tattoo goes right above my heart," he said.

Sak Lai Tattoo Studio, where Supreeda got his tattoo, has had more than 10 customers requesting designs related to the king since his death on Oct. 13. Fifteen more have made appointments for the coming week. Other tattoo parlors in Bangkok are also facing completely filled schedules.

"I feel like this is a phenomenon that cannot be found in any other country," said Leck NY, owner and artist at Sak Lai Tattoo. "People want to record the memory of their love, respect and loyalty for the king onto their body. This is different from other ways of expressing love—it's a deeper and more personal expression because it's with you forever."

Quotes about the king are also popular designs.

Another tattoo studio, Inkception, has had more than 20 customers for king tattoos and has a stream of bookings.

World

Iraqi special forces join Mosul offensive against IS

KHAZER, Iraq (AP)—Iraqi special forces charged into the Mosul battle Thursday with a pre-dawn advance on a nearby town held by the Islamic State group, a key part of a multi-pronged assault on eastern approaches to the besieged city.

The addition of the elite troops, also known as counterterrorism forces, marked a significant intensification of the fight for Iraq's second-largest city. As they advanced, attack helicopters fired on the militants and heavy gunfire echoed across the plains.

Maj. Gen. Maan al-Saadi said the elite Counterterrorism Forces advanced on the town of Bartella with the aid of U.S.-led coalition airstrikes and heavy artillery on the fourth day of a massive operation to retake Iraq's second-largest city.

"God willing, we will take this town today," he said.

The special forces are expected to lead the way into Mosul, where they will face fierce resistance in an urban landscape where IS militants are preparing for a climactic battle. The offensive is the largest operation launched by Iraqi forces since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, and is expected to take weeks, if not months.

The Kurdish forces known as peshmerga, who are also taking part in the offensive, announced a "large-scale operation" to the north and northeast of Mosul on Thursday.

"The operation will be in three fronts," the peshmerga said in a statement, and follows recent gains by the peshmerga to the east of Mosul and Iraqi security forces to the south.

Peshmerga forces stationed on mountains northeast of Mosul descended from their positions and charged toward the front line.

They used bulldozers and other heavy equipment to fill trenches and moved armored vehicles into the breach after about an hour of mortar and gunfire at IS positions below in the village of Barima.

Military operations also appeared to be underway in the town of Bashiqa, northeast of Mosul. Thick smoke could be seen billowing from the town early Thursday.

A day earlier, Bashiqa was pounded by airstrikes and mortar fire from Kurdish peshmerga positions high above.

The approaches to Mosul run through clusters of mostly abandoned villages where IS militants have planted roadside bombs and other booby traps. Bartella, a traditionally Christian town which fell to IS two years ago, is believed to be empty of civilians.

"Our intelligence tells us the district is full of IEDs," al-Saadi said, referring to the homemade explosives IS has planted in huge numbers during past campaigns.

Amer al-Jabbar, a 30-year-old soldier with the Iraqi special forces, said he was happy to be taking part in the attack and hoped to avenge two brothers killed while fighting for the Iraqi security forces.

"I had one brother who became a martyr in 2007 and another who became a martyr in 2014," he said. "I want to avenge them and I'm ready to die."

Another soldier called in coordinates for airstrikes by Iraqi attack helicopters hovering overhead. One of the helicopters was struck by a sniper, but managed to land safely.

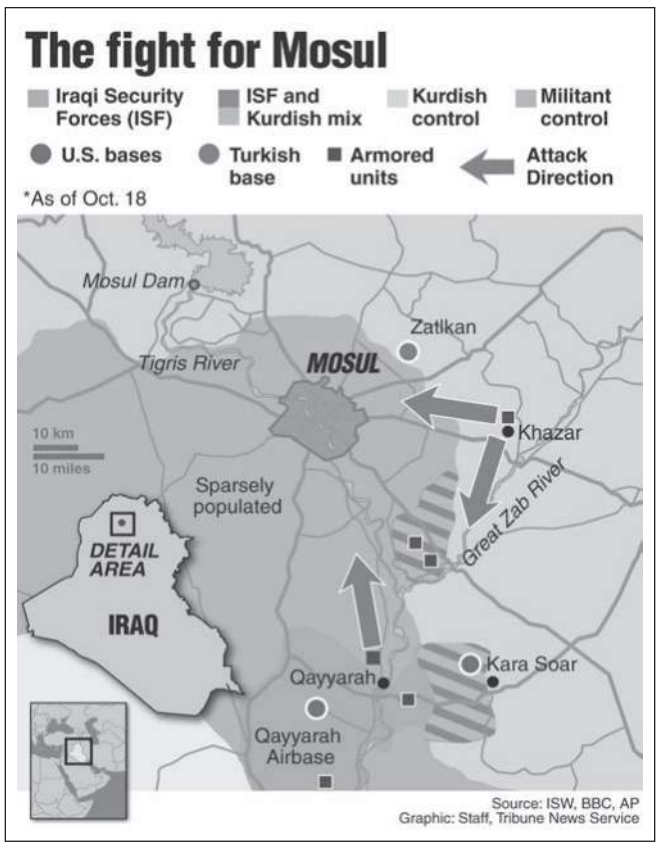
An intense gun battle erupted as the convoy of some 1,000 special forces made its way toward Bartella. The troops were about 15 kilometers (nine miles) from Mosul.

The Islamic State group captured Mosul during a lightning advance across northern Iraq in 2014, and IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi announced the formation of a self-styled caliphate from the pulpit of a Mosul mosque. Mosul is the largest city controlled by the extremist group and its last major urban bastion in Iraq.

Iraq's U.S.-trained special forces are seen as far more capable than the mainstream security forces that crumbled as IS advanced in 2014. They have played a central role in liberating several cities and towns over the past year, including Ramadi and Fallujah, in the western Anbar province.

More than 25,000 forces, including the Iraqi army, the peshmerga, Sunni tribal fighters and Shiite militias are taking part in the Mosul offensive, which began Monday after months of preparation. They will be advancing on the city from several directions.

The U.S. military is carrying out airstrikes and artillery shelling in support of the operation. More than 100 U.S. forces are embedded with the Iraqis, and hundreds more are playing a supporting role in staging bases.



Syrian forces prepare corridors out of Aleppo

BEIRUT (AP)—Hundreds of residents left a formerly rebel-controlled suburb of the Syrian capital of Damascus Wednesday, as government and Russian forces prepared to open corridors out of the contested city of Aleppo in the hopes of facilitating an exodus from its rebel-held quarters.

Aleppo's besieged eastern quarters experienced relative peace for the second consecutive day in the run-up to the hoped-for evacuation Thursday, after weeks of bombardment left the area in ruins. Russia's military has promised two corridors will be opened for militants to flee to the neighboring rebel-held province of Idlib, between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m, while other corridors will allow civilians to move to government-held areas.

The government's overture to rebels and civilians trapped in Aleppo's east follows a pattern of evacuations around the country that the U.N. has likened to "forced displacement." On Wednesday, some 2,000 residents of the once autonomous Moadamiyeh suburb of Damascus were carried by government buses to Idlib as part of an arrangement to restore government control after three years of siege at the hands of the military.

Hassan Ghandour, a former Moadamiyeh resident who liaised between the suburb and besieging forces, said Wednesday the evacuees included 700 gunmen. He said the government is to release all detainees from the suburb in exchange for the evacuation.

Several activists also left with the convoy. Wassim al-Ahmad told The Associated Press it would be "impossible" to live again under government authority, saying he didn't trust official promises for amnesty.

Some of those remaining in Moadamiyeh struck a defiant tone.

"I'm not going to settle anything with the government," said local resident Mahmoud, who declined to give his family name out of safety concerns. "I'm going to stay in my home."

"I've spent five years of my life besieged here. I've been through war, siege, starvation ... bombardment, and poison gas—I've survived with all this so I can stay here."

Turkish jets strike Syrian Kurdish militia targets

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—Turkish jets have struck the U.S.-backed Syrian Kurdish militia north of the embattled city of Aleppo, killing as many as 200 militia members, Turkey's state-run news agency reported Thursday.

The Anadolu Agency, quoting military officials, said the raids were carried out late Wednesday night, attacking 18 targets in the Maarraat Umm Hawsh region in northern Syria. Between 160 and 200 militia fighters were killed in the raid. The targets hit were in areas that the Syrian forces had recently taken over as they pressed ahead with their campaign to drive Islamic State militants from areas north of Aleppo.

The Syrian Kurdish force has been an ongoing source of tension between NATO allies Turkey and the United States.

The U.S. considers the militia group, known as the People's Protection Units or YPG, to be the most effective force in the fight against the Islamic State group in Syria. Turkey says the group is an extension of its own outlawed Kurdish militants who have carried out a series of deadly attacks in Turkey over the past year and considers it to be a terrorist organization.

Ankara has grown increasingly wary as the YPG succeeded in securing large swaths of territory along the Syrian-Turkish border. In August, Turkey sent troops and tanks into northern Syria to help Syrian opposition forces drive the Islamic State group away from an area bordering Turkey and to curb the Syrian Kurdish forces' territorial expansion.

The Turkish attack came after Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said his country would not "wait for terrorists to come and attack" but would go after them before they have the chance to strike.

Anadolu said the 18 Syrian Kurdish targets hit included nine buildings used as headquarters, meetings points, shelters or arms depots as well as five vehicles.

Leaks put Assange at odds with Ecuador's warming up to US

QUITO, Ecuador (AP)—WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is finding himself in open conflict with his Ecuadorean protectors as the group's latest dump targeting Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign runs afoul of the South American government's goal of warming up to Washington.

Ecuador's move to cut off his internet access at its embassy in London was a stinging rebuke from leftist President Rafael Correa, who in 2012 heralded Assange as a digital-age Robin Hood and granted him asylum over protests from the United States, the United Kingdom and Sweden, where he faces allegations of rape.

Correa's government said Tuesday that WikiLeaks' publication of a trove of damaging emails from Clinton's campaign had impacted the U.S. election in violation of Ecuador's traditional respect for other nations' sovereignty.

Analysts say Correa is unlikely to now kick Assange out into the streets of London where he faces certain arrest. But allowing him to keep leaking secrets from the embassy risks putting the small Andean nation unwittingly on Russia's side of a brewing cyber-battle with the United States, Ecuador's top trade partner, at a time of deep economic stress.

"Before, the costs for Ecuador of hosting Assange were minor," said Santiago Basabe, a political analyst at the Latin American School of Social Sciences in Quito. "But they are growing bigger now because they involve questions of U.S. national security, its tense relations with Russia and the presidential elections."

The cascade of disclosures of Democratic operatives' hacked emails, including this week's publication of Clinton's speeches to Wall Street investment bank Goldman Sachs, has been hailed by Republican candidate Donald Trump as evidence of his rival's dishonesty. However, U.S. intelligence agents say the hack is the work of the Kremlin, although it's not clear how the files ended up with WikiLeaks.

Regardless, Ecuador has plenty of reasons to try to curry favor with Washington.

The oil-dependent, dollarized economy is fighting a recession made worse by low crude prices, a destructive earthquake in April and a strong U.S. dollar. Adding to the uncertainty is Correa's imminent departure from office after a decade in power that provided a sense of stability after years of coups and revolving-door presidencies.

Analysts say whoever wins February's election—Correa's preferred successor currently leads polls—is almost certain to turn to the International Monetary Fund for a bailout. In such a scenario the support of the Washington, the biggest shareholder in the IMF, will be key in determining how severe an austerity program is required.

Off The Wall

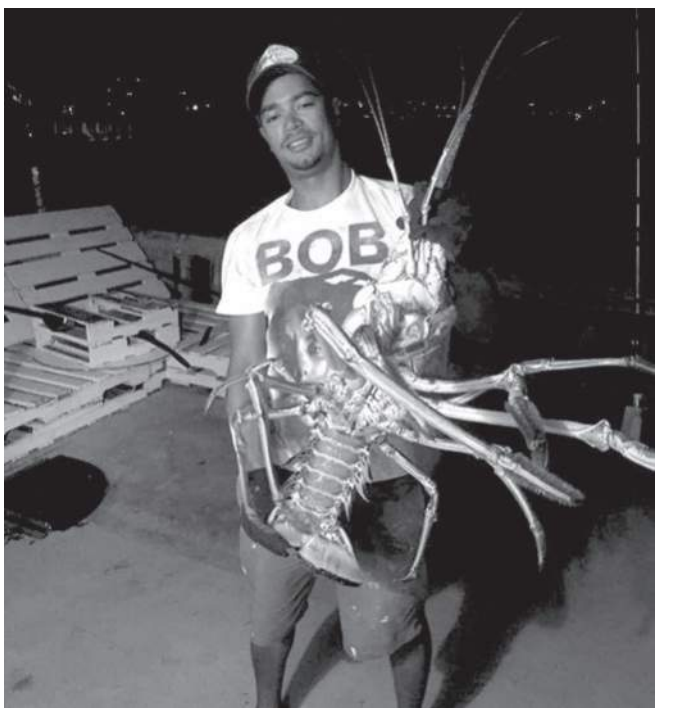
Fisherman reels in whopper of a lobster in Bermuda

HAMILTON, Bermuda (AP)—Hurricane Nicole may have brought more than wind and rain to Bermuda. Two fishermen are crediting the storm with bringing in an enormous 14-pound spiny lobster.

Charter boat captain Matthew Jones tells The Associated Press he and one of his workers, Tristan Loescher, were fishing off the shoreline on Friday, the day after the storm blew through the island. Jones says Loescher thought he had a snapper on the line after it somehow got wrapped around a mooring. When Loescher went in closer to investigate, he instead spotted the huge crustacean.

Jones says it's one of the biggest lobsters he's ever seen. Loescher held up the lobster for pictures before releasing it back into the water.

Jones says spiny lobsters are known to head to shore before storms.



In this photo provided by charter boat company Sanctuary Marine Bermuda, Tristan Loescher holds up a 14-pound spiny lobster he caught while fishing on Oct. 14, 2016, at an undisclosed shoreline location in Bermuda. AP

Meet Azalea the smoking chimp, new star at Pyongyang zoo

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—Pyongyang's newly opened zoo has a new star: Azalea, the smoking chimpanzee.

According to officials at the newly renovated zoo, which has become a favorite leisure spot in the North Korean capital since it re-opened in July, the 19-year-old female chimpanzee, whose name in Korean is "Dallae," smokes about a pack a day. Dallae is short for azalea.

They insist, however, she doesn't inhale.

Thrown a lighter by a zoo trainer, the chimpanzee lights her own cigarettes. If a lighter isn't available, she can light up from lit cigarette if one is tossed her way.

Though such a sight would draw outrage in many other locales, it seemed to delight visitors who roared with laughter on Wednesday as the chimpanzee, one of two at the zoo, sat puffing away as her trainer egged her on. The trainer also prompted her to touch her nose, bow thank you and do a simple dance.

The zoo is pulling in thousands of visitors a day with a slew of attractions ranging from such typical fare as elephants, giraffes, penguins and monkeys to a high-tech natural history museum with displays showing the origins of the solar system and the evolution of life on Earth.

Azalea, a 19-year-old female chimpanzee whose Korean name is "Dallae," smokes a cigarette at the Central Zoo in Pyongyang, North Korea Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016. AP

Another of the most popular attractions that might come as a surprise to foreign visitors is the dog pavilion, which has everything from German shepherds to Shih Tzus. The zoo also has performances featuring other animals trained to do tricks, including a monkey that slam dunks basketballs, dogs trained to appear as though they can do addition on subtraction on an abacus and doves that fly around and land on a woman skating on an indoor stage.

Renovations for the new zoo began in 2014, as part of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's efforts to create more modern and impressive structures and leisure centers around the capital. The zoo actually dates back to 1959, when Kim Il Sung, the nation's first leader and the grandfather of Kim Jong Un, ordered it built on the outskirts of the city.

According to its official history, the zoo started off with only 50 badgers.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Police: Man buys NYC storage unit, finds dead, frozen cats

NEW YORK (AP)—Police say a man bought a storage unit at an auction in New York City and found dozens of dead cats frozen in two freezers. Officers responded to American Self Storage in the Queens neighborhood of Long Island City on Monday evening. Police say one freezer had frozen cats stacked on top of each other. In the other, police say they were individually wrapped in paper and plastic bags. One cat had been skinned. About 40 cats in all were discovered. The nonprofit American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has taken the dead cats into its custody for necropsies. The tests can't be performed until the carcasses thaw out. Police are searching for an unidentified woman who originally rented the unit. The NYPD Animal Cruelty Squad is investigating.

Thief of Advil gets jail for his 12th shoplifting conviction

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP)—A Pennsylvania man has been jailed for stealing a $4.49 bottle of Advil because it was the 12th time he's been convicted of shoplifting. A Lancaster County jury convicted 51-year-old David Springer in June of taking the Advil from a Giant store last year. He was charged with a felony because of numerous retail theft convictions. Police say Springer stole the pills by stashing the bottle in his pocket even though he paid for other items that day. Judge Jeffrey Wright says Springer is a threat to society because he keeps stealing. Springer will serve four months in county prison, five months on house arrest, 14 months on parole and three years on probation. He was sentenced Oct. 4. A message was left Monday for an attorney representing him.

Teams skirt NFL video policy with homemade signs, toys

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Some NFL teams are going old school to find ways around a league policy that prohibits team social media accounts from sharing their own highlight videos. Sports Illustrated reported earlier this month that the NFL is strictly limiting its teams from sharing their own video or animated graphics of highlights. The teams are limited to reposting video from the NFL's accounts. SI reports a league memo said teams can be fined up to $100,000 for multiple infractions. With that in mind, the Philadelphia Eagles and Cleveland Browns got creative on their Twitter accounts Sunday. The Browns used a video of toy football players to celebrate on Twitter after a touchdown. The Eagles used a similar video to show an interception, complete with a homemade sign.

In Celebration of his new life

†Felipe San Nicolas Camacho

Lovingly known as "Felipen Chandi"

In his new life, he now joins his:

Wife: Theodora Taman Palacios Camacho
Tomiko Ngirarios Del
Parents: Juan Muna Camacho
Maria De Guzman San Nicolas Camacho
Parents In Law: Jose Fausto Palacios
Rita Taman Palacios
Children: Fred N. Camacho
Shirley Ngirarios
Jeffrey Ngirarios
Grandchildren: Jaryd Ray C. Quitugua
Mark Matoto
Great Grandchild: Maria Kiani H. Cepeda
Brothers, Sisters, and In-Laws:
Victoria SN. and Miguel Camacho
Rosa C. Borja
Juana C. and Felix Babauta
Francisco SN.and Margaret Camacho
Juan SN. Camacho
Torcuato Castro

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Shuquing Wu Camacho
Children and spouses:
Margaret P. Camacho
Rita P. Camacho
Reina C. Quitugua
David and Lydia Camacho
Felipe and Tasha Camacho
Sandra and Akiwo Recheungel
Joann and Jimbo Matoto
Jin Yan Nian
Brother, Sisters and In-Laws:
Maxima SN. Camacho
Mariano SN. and Marina Camacho
Ana Castro
Maria C. and Don Choate
Eugenio Borja

He is additionally survived by numerous grandchildren, great grand children, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Daily Mass of Intention for the repose of his soul is being celebrated each evening at San Roque Church at 6:00 pm.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, October 24, 2016. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora Dela Paz Memorial Chapel to San Roque Church at 9:00 am. Responso Service and Holy Rosary will take place upon arrival of remains.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 am, followed by Interment Services at San Roque Cemetery, where he will be laid in a peaceful rest.

Please join us in prayers.

Thank you - Si Yu'us Ma'ase

The Family

Science & Technology

App helps save Seattle man after heart attack

SEATTLE (AP)—If you're going to have a heart attack, right outside a hospital is not a bad place to do it.

And if 41 people within a 330-yard radius have a cellphone app alerting them to your distress, so much the better.

That's what happened in Seattle last week when Stephen DeMont collapsed at a bus stop in front of University of Washington Medical Center.

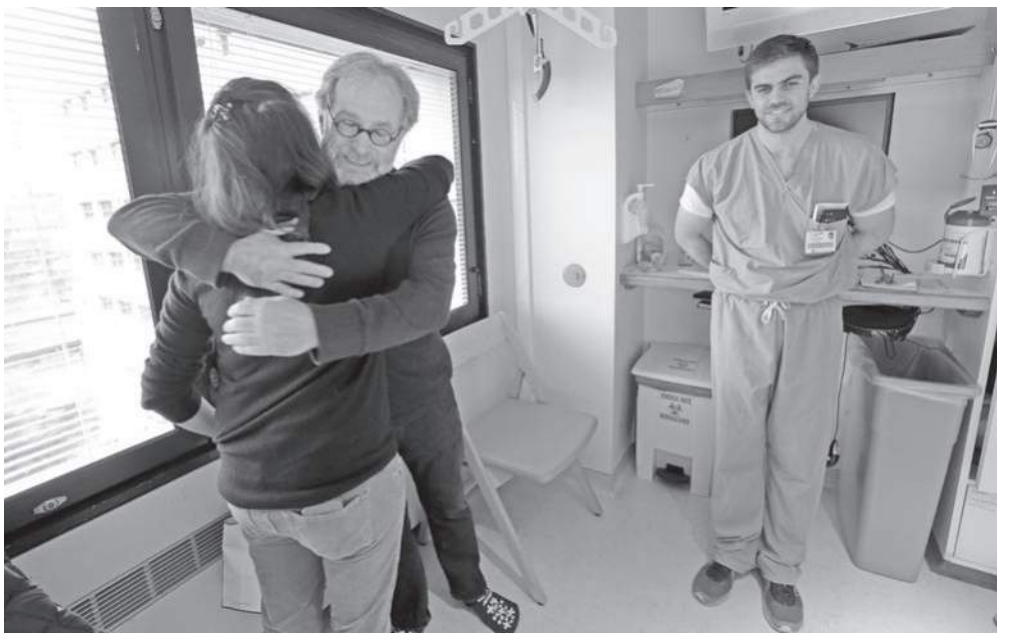
While a medical student rushed over and began chest compressions, a cardiac nurse just getting off her shift at the hospital was alerted by her phone, sprinted outside and assisted until paramedics arrived.

Five days later, DeMont, 60, is walking, smiling and talking about how the PulsePoint app helped save his life.

Seattle officials say the rescue shows the potential the free download has for connecting CPR-trained citizens with patients who urgently need their help. It's being used in 2,000 U.S. cities in 28 states.

"I put it on my phone yesterday," said DeMont's wife, Debi Quirk, a former registered nurse. "He would not be here as we see him today."

Seattle officials hope DeMont's story will help persuade thousands more people to sign up for notifications; so far, about 4,000 people in Seattle have downloaded PulsePoint since the city adopted it earlier this year with financial support from an employee charitable fund at Boeing. The goal is to have 15,000 using it.



AP

Stephen DeMont, center, embraces Madeline Dahl as Zach Forcade looks on at the University of Washington Medical Center Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016, in Seattle.

Developed by a former fire chief in Northern California, Richard Price, the app works through a city's 911 system. When a call comes in, operators alert people within a certain radius that CPR assistance is needed, along with the location of the nearest portable defibrillator.

Some 34,000 off-duty professional and citizen responders around the country have downloaded it, Price said Wednesday, and they've been alerted to more than 13,000 cardiac events.

He came up with the idea in 2009, he said. He was in a restaurant when he heard sirens from his crews at the San Ramon Valley fire department. As he wondered where they were going, they arrived at the restaurant.

"The patient was unconscious, unresponsive. I was 20 feet away on the other side of the wall," Price said. "The whole time I was listening to that siren, I could have been making a difference."

It occurred to him that at any given time, two-thirds of his staff was off duty—in restaurants, out in the community. If there was a way to alert them to such emergencies by phone, it could save lives, Price said.

It's not clear how many lives have been saved thanks to the app. Patient confidentiality laws often prevent hospitals from disclosing a patient's outcome.

Madeline Dahl, a 23-year-old cardiac nurse at the University of Washington, said she downloaded the app about a month ago after reading a news story that mentioned it. Last Friday morning was the first time she'd ever received an alert. She bolted down a couple flights of stairs and ran outside into the rain, where she found 27-year-old medical student Zach Forcade performing chest compressions.

Forcade had been on his way into the hospital for a lecture when he saw DeMont, who was just getting off his bicycle, slump over.

"I hadn't responded to a cardiac arrest before," Forcade said. "I thought, 'Did he just fall?' ... Even being in the medical field, I thought, 'Oh, man, who's going to step up?'"

Divisive bid to build telescope in Hawaii faces new hearing

HONOLULU (AP)—A $1.4 billion project to build one of the world's largest telescopes is up against intense protests by Native Hawaiians and others who say building it on the Big Island's Mauna Kea mountain will desecrate sacred land.

Hearings for the project's construction permit are set to begin Thursday and expected to last until next month. It's the second time the project has faced the proceedings.

This time, numerous parties are participating, including a group of Native Hawaiians who support the telescope, and dozens of witnesses are expected to testify. It's not clear when the retired judge overseeing the hearings would issue a ruling.

Here are things to know about the embattled telescope:

THIRTY METER TELESCOPE

A group of universities in California and Canada plan to build the telescope with partners from China, India and Japan. Its primary mirror will measure 30 meters in diameter and be made up of 492 individual segments. Compared with the largest existing visible-light telescope in the world, it will be three times as wide, with nine times more area.

Scientists say the telescope would allow them to see into the earliest years of the universe. The telescope could find planets around other stars in the "habitable zone," where liquid water is possible on a planet's surface, the project's website says. The 13 telescopes already on Mauna Kea have played major roles in discoveries considered among the most significant to astronomy. Partners would receive a share of observing time, along with University of Hawaii scientists.

THE LOCATION

Telescope officials say Mauna Kea, a dormant volcano, is the best location in the world for astronomy. It's Hawaii's tallest volcano and its summit provides a clear view of the sky for 300 days a year, with little air and light pollution. Opponents say the project will desecrate land held sacred by Native Hawaiians and that there are already too many telescopes on Mauna Kea. All of the highest points in the islands are considered the home of deities, said Kealoha Pisciotta, one of the leaders in the telescope fight.

POWER OF PROTESTERS

Protests disrupted a groundbreaking and Hawaiian blessing ceremony at the site two years ago. After that, the protests intensified. Construction stopped in April 2015 after 31 protesters were arrested for blocking the work. A second attempt to restart construction a few months later ended with more arrests and crews retreating when they encountered large boulders in the road. The telescope has become one of the most divisive issues in the state, with some telescope supporters saying they are afraid to publicly express their stance on the project

HOW WE GOT HERE

The telescope's board of directors held public meetings before selecting Mauna Kea as the preferred site in 2009. In 2011, opponents requested so-called contested-case hearings before the state land board approved a permit to build on conservation land. The hearings were held, and the permit was upheld. Opponents then sued. In December 2015, the state Supreme Court revoked the permit, ruling the land board's approval process was flawed. That meant the application process needed to be redone, requiring a new hearing.

WHAT'S AT STAKE

If the project dies, not only will that be bad for Hawaii astronomy, but for any high-tech industry considering Hawaii, said Paul Coleman, a Native Hawaiian astrophysicist at the University of Hawaii's Institute for Astronomy. The partners invested $170 million through the end of 2015, Thirty Meter Telescope Executive Director Ed Stone said. The project promises to create 300 construction jobs and employ 140 staff when operational. Earlier this year, telescope officials began looking for alternate sites in case the telescope can't be built in Hawaii.

TECH Q&A

How to fix an iPhone touch-screen disabled by a software upgrade

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: I've updated my iPhone 6 Plus to the iOS 10 operating system. But it has caused the phone's touch-screen to be disabled most of the time, which meant I couldn't open apps, answer calls or send texts or emails. I restored the phone using iTunes, but it didn't help. What can I do?

A: Problems like yours have been common after the first round of iOS 10 upgrades, but the suggested fixes are relatively easy.

You should first try to restart your phone by pressing and holding the "wake up" button on the right side of the device. Then, if possible, drag the on-screen slider control to the right to turn off the phone. Wait a few seconds, then turn the phone on again by holding down the wake button until the Apple logo appears.

If you aren't able to turn off the phone, you can reset it by simultaneously holding down the wake-up button and the home button beneath the screen. (This won't harm your phone's data.) Continue holding down the buttons until the Apple logo appears.

If that doesn't work, clean your touch-screen with a soft cloth to remove anything that could interfere with the phone's electrical signals. If you have a screen protector, remove it before cleaning the screen.

If the iPhone still doesn't respond, try backing it up to iTunes on a computer, then restoring the backup to the phone. Make sure you have the newest version of iTunes. (It is not clear what occurred during your first attempt to restore the phone, so give this a try.)

To back up the phone, connect it by USB cable to the computer. Once your iPhone appears in the menu on the left side of iTunes, click the phone-shaped icon at the top of iTunes (called the Device Tab.) On the left side of iTunes choose "summary," and on the main screen, under "Backups," choose "This Computer." To the right of that, choose "Back up now." After the backup is complete, click "Restore backup." After the restore is finished, your iPhone should work properly.

Q: I have received several "undeliverable" emails in my inbox, apparently because of good security at the other end. These emails contain my address at the top, indicating that I sent them, but they don't appear in my "sent" folder. In addition, I don't recognize most of the email addresses they bounced back from. Many of the subject lines—such as "What a surprise" or "You might be interested in this"—look like innocuous advertising. What should I do?

A: When you receive mysterious undeliverable email, you should be suspicious.

Email addresses are easy to fake through a process called spoofing. So while the "undeliverable" emails appear to have originally come from you, they probably didn't. Instead, they are most likely from a hacker who is trying to trick you into disclosing personal information.

Subject lines such as "What a surprise" and "You might be interested in this" are commonly used to provoke a response. But don't respond, and instead move these emails to your "junk mail" or "spam" folder. That will help your internet provider filter out such fake emails in the future.

Life & Style

Female singers rock the CMT Artists of the Year

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Country singers Shania Twain, Carrie Underwood and Kelsea Ballerini honored each other and celebrated their shared successes at the CMT Artists of the Year show.

Female singers rocked the stage, geeked out over on another and showcased women's impact on country music's past, present and future during the award show held Wednesday at the Schermerhorn Symphony Center in Nashville, Tennessee. The show will air on CMT at 9 p.m. Eastern Thursday.

Twain, who is country music's most successful female singers, was given the artist of the lifetime award and was serenaded with a medley of her songs by female artists across three genres.

Grammy winners pop singer Meghan Trainor and R&B singer Jill Scott joined Ballerini to sing Twain's classic anthem to female strength, "Man, I Feel Like a Woman," while Twain sang along from her seat in the crowd.

Twain made her name in the mid-'90s with her big pop country songs and her music videos that combined sex appeal, female empowerment and high fashion.

"I want to thank CMT for being such a huge support all these years even in my more rebellious years in the beginning when I was probably considered controversial, but you still put me on the air," Twain said.

Ballerini, who was given the breakout artist honor, was in the middle of her speech noting all the other young female singers she has worked with when she stopped to have a fan-girl moment.

"Whoa, I am nervous," Ballerini said. "That is Shania Twain," pointing to the Grammy winner in the audience.

Underwood, who was one of the artists of the year, performed "Like I'll Never Love You Again," backed up by hit songwriters Liz Rose, Hillary Lindsey and Lori McKenna.

"Aren't we blessed?" Underwood said. "God is good and he has definitely been good to me."

Also honored as an artist of the year was Chris Stapleton, who held the crowd's attention singing a solo rendition of "Whiskey and You." He said that CMT let him fill in for Luke Bryan on the show two years ago when Bryan had to cancel because of the death of his brother-in-law.

"I filled in for Luke sitting up here singing a song I wrote called 'Drink a Beer,' and that was one of the first times anybody put me on national television," Stapleton said.

Bryan, who was also honored at an artist of the year, was teased by his tourmates Little Big Town for his recent fall from a bicycle that ended up breaking his collarbone.

"Luke, we have all made fun of you for falling off stages here and there and you can hardly hold yourself upright," said Phillip Sweet. "What in god's name makes you think you should start riding a bicycle?"

Khloe Kardashian calls sister Kim's robbery 'a wake up call'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Khloe Kardashian is calling her sister's robbery in Paris "a wake up call for everybody" but is pushing back against criticism that Kim Kardashian West had been too public in displaying her wealth.

AP

In this Jan. 6, 2016, file photo, Khloe Kardashian participates in the panel for "Kocktails with Khloe" at the FYI 2016 Winter TCA in Pasadena, Calif.

"Pulling back on social media I think is a personal choice. ... No matter what you post or don't post. ... That shouldn't give someone a reason to feel like they could do anything like that to you," she said in an interview Tuesday. "But we definitely are just being more aware and I think just making changes to our lives

Armed robbers forced their way into West's hotel room, tied her up and locked her in a bathroom before making off with more than $10 million worth of jewelry.

Khloe Kardashian, 32, said the Oct. 3 robbery was "an incredibly traumatic experience for Kim and she's definitely taking some well needed and much deserved time off."

She said she isn't sure when Kardashian West, 35, would make another public appearance, but she batted down rumors that her sister would be leaving the family's reality series "Keeping Up With the Kardashians."

Kardashian made the comments while promoting her new fall denim line Good American with co-designer Emma Grede.

She said she agreed to partner up with Grede to design the brand for the curvy woman. The jeans range in size from zero to 24.

"I was always body shamed, and that was something that was super important to me to really teach girls to love themselves and love their bodies," said Kardashian, who has publicly chronicled her issues with weight. "I was always kind of told I couldn't wear certain jeans because I was too fat to be trendy, which was always really hard on me."

Amy Schumer issues sarcastic apology over Trump comments

NEW YORK (AP)—Amy Schumer has issued a sarcastic apology days after some people walked out of a Tampa, Florida, show in which she criticized Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump.

The comedian read a "Dear Tampa" letter during her show Tuesday night at Madison Square Garden in New York. She questioned how she could think it was "OK to spend five minutes having a peaceful conversation with someone with different views." She also said she's sending herself "to a rehab facility" that will teach her "how to make all people happy."

A Tampa Bay Times reporter who saw Schumer's show Sunday estimated about 200 people walked out after she criticized Trump and questioned one of his supporters on stage. Schumer also discussed her support for Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

Bon Jovi sets rumor straight on buying Tennessee Titans

NEW YORK (AP)—Bon Jovi's upcoming album is entitled, "This House is Not For Sale," and apparently neither are the Tennessee Titans.

Earlier this week, CBS Sports reported that Bon Jovi and Peyton Manning were "monitoring the Tennessee Titans ownership situation," leading to speculation they were looking to purchase the Nashville-based team. That prompted Titans acting owner, Amy Adams Strunk to say the team is not for sale.

On Wednesday, Jon Bon Jovi sat down with The Associated Press to set the record straight.

"Let me dispel the rumors right now," he said with a laugh. "I wake up to these headlines with my name on them and they're just not true. I want to make it perfectly clear that the team is not for sale, nor has it ever been, and I respect and admire (late franchise founder) Bud Adams' legacy. End of story, I wish them all the success in the world."

He added: "You wake up to that and you're, 'Wait a minute. I don't want to upset anybody. I didn't do anything.'"

While the New Jersey rocker hopes to add NFL owner to his resume one day, it's not happening yet.

"I love the NFL, and I did in fact try to buy the Buffalo Bills, but this has nothing to do with that. All I'm doing—I'm in the music business. End of story."

Family never learns to let up on criticism of career choice

DEAR ABBY: I grew up the third of four children. Both my older brothers chose to go into engineering (the field my father is in). I rocked the boat and opted to go into education. All during college and after, my parents continued to tell me I had chosen the wrong career and would never have any money.

Ten years later, I'm still getting constant comments about my career choice and financial status. They make little jabs like, "... but we know you can't afford it," and, "Is this too expensive for you?" which echo at family gatherings to the point that neither my husband nor I want to be there.

We both work hard and, while we might struggle, we never ask for financial assistance. How can I get my family to stop these comments? They're hurtful.

EDUCATOR IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR EDUCATOR: You are being picked on not only because of your career choice and its salary level, but also the fact that you didn't fall into line as your siblings did and do what your parents wanted.

Much as we might wish to, we cannot dictate the behavior of others. If you have told your family their comments bother you and they persist, you will have to focus on the importance of the field you chose and the contribution to society you are making. And attend those family gatherings less often.

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DEAR ABBY: "Lonely Widow in Ft. Myers, Fla." (May 16) asked why friends ignore a woman when she becomes a widow. I experienced the same thing when I was widowed at 50.

There are several reasons why friends drop you when your spouse dies. One is fear of their own mortality. Another is perhaps the husband (or wife) was the social one. Or the women are afraid you are going to steal their husband.

I was hurt at first, but then I realized they were not true friends. I now have new friends who are widowed, divorced or married, and I'm enjoying every minute we share.

JOY IN NEVADA

DEAR JOY: I am glad for you. Many readers wrote to share their experiences and their thoughts on that letter. Some suggested that friends may not invite the woman because they don't want her to feel like a "third wheel," but advised "Lonely" to speak up and tell them that, indeed, she WOULD like to be included. Others thought people assume a widow is emotionally needy, so they don't want to be involved with her.

Some readers also wondered how often "Lonely" and her husband had invited single women to join them for a meal, weekend outing or evening event while he was still alive. The answer to that question could provide insight.

A majority of those who wrote agreed with me that it's important that "Lonely" cultivate new interests, and along with them, new friends. One reader's church formed a group for widows that includes monthly lunch outings at different restaurants. Another suggested that "Lonely's" senior center friends should start inviting each other out for various entertainment options. She should also be encouraged to meet people in different locations, or even consider moving for a fresh start.

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Good advice for everyone—teens to seniors—is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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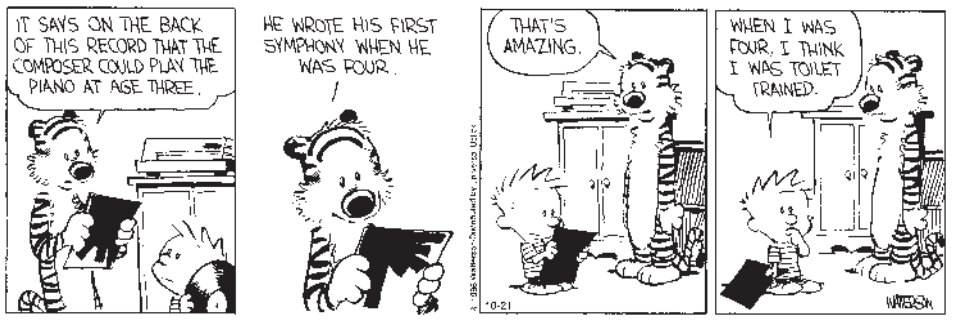
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


IT SAYS ON THE BACK OF THIS RECORD THAT THE COMPOSER COULD PLAY THE PIANO AT AGE THREE.
HE WROTE HIS FIRST SYMPHONY WHEN HE WAS FOUR.
THAT'S AMAZING.
WHEN I WAS FOUR, I THINK I WAS TOILET TRAINED.

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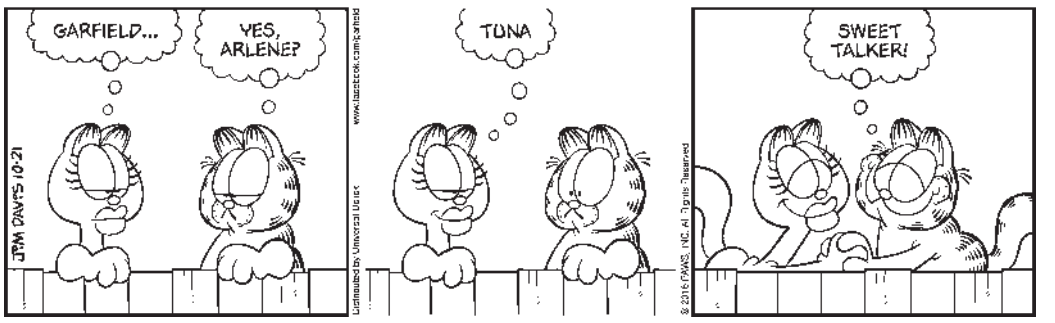

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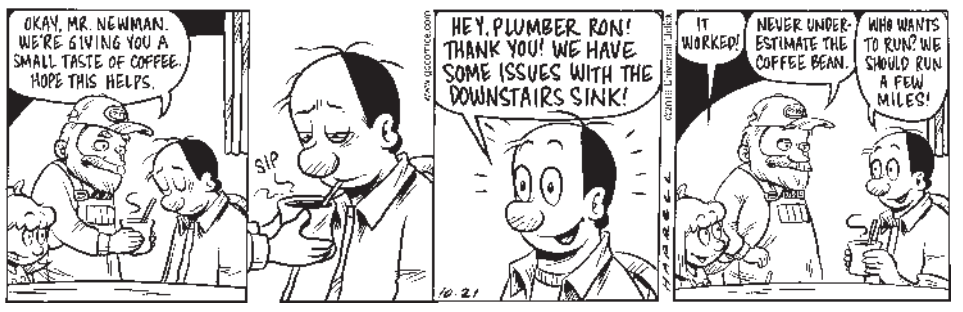
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HEY, PLUMBER RON! THANK YOU! WE HAVE SOME ISSUES WITH THE DOWNSTAIRS SINK!
IT WORKED!
NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE COFFEE BEAN.
WHO WANTS TO RUN? WE SHOULD RUN A FEW MILES!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Wee dollop
4 Shade tree
7 Hot dog side dish
12 Ram's mate
13 Conk out
14 Perfectly timed
15 Kilmer of "Top Gun"
16 Laundry cleaner
18 Spanish gold
19 Open-mouthed
20 Reporter's quest
22 Yalie
23 Writer James
27 Math ratios
29 Convincing, as an argument
31 Washroom tub
34 Pale purple
35 Pressing
37 Capitol Hill VIP
38 Wagers
39 Sinbad's bird
41 Glitz partner
45 Casino "boxcars"
47 Goose, in Guadalajara
48 Rigorous
52 — Beta Kappa
53 Vowel group
54 Pro vote
55 A billion years
56 Fix, as software
57 Superlative suffix
58 Orange Muppet

DOWN

1 English cattle breed
2 Cognizant
3 Underneath
4 Icelandic saga
5 Feudal lords
6 Gold or silver
7 Drill
8 Chang's brother
9 High card
10 Convent dweller
11 Congeal
17 Grand tale
21 Covert agents
23 Getting on
24 Solidify
25 Disney deer
26 Listending abbr.
28 Hostel
30 Flamenco cheer
31 Fella
32 Exist
33 Pvt.'s superior
36 Advanced math
37 Parts of acts
40 Daisy variety
42 Actress/singer Jennifer
43 "Bless you!" trigger
44 Pine Tree State
45 Comfy-cozy
46 Doc's "Now!"
48 Blue
49 Golf peg
50 Tease
51 Debtor's letters

Solution time: 27 mins.

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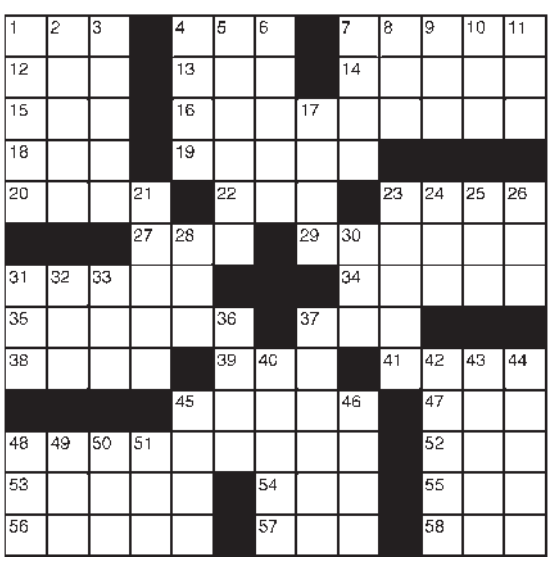
Yesterday's answer 10-21



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Happy Birthday: Listen carefully and consider all the existing possibilities before you make an assumption or get involved in something risky or uncertain. You may crave change, but making the wrong move will only set you further behind. Think matters through, ask questions and make up your mind. It's best to be sure before you take action. Your numbers are 7, 11, 24, 28, 37, 41, 45.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Changes at home or at work will require your attention. Don't react emotionally when it's best to show restraint and offer suggestions that will improve the situation. A romantic evening will ease your stress. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): A reunion or family get-together will encourage you to put aside any differences you have and begin again. Much can be accomplished if you are flexible. A suggestion someone makes should be considered. Help given will encourage help in return. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't let your emotions lead you in a direction that will cause personal and professional problems. Mixing business with pleasure will backfire, causing you to scramble when you should be closing a deal or aiming for advancement. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Live and learn. Relationships with people who have a different code of ethics or belief system may intrigue you, but don't buy into something that sounds too good to be true. Stick to what you know. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Something going on behind the scenes will affect your life. Ask questions and offer suggestions that will ensure that you aren't going to end up in a precarious position. Change is only good if it is a move forward. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Partnerships will play an active part in the decisions you make. What you do to help others will be commendable and will not go unnoticed. Ask questions if someone you love seems to be hiding something from you. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Personal problems will mount if you aren't specific about the way you feel or what your intentions are. Don't procrastinate when dealing with other people, or you will end up in an awkward position. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): You will learn through the people you encounter and the events or activities you engage in. A retreat or seminar that offers unique lifestyles will encourage you to make changes to the way you live. Explore your options. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Listen and offer suggestions, but don't take over or you will end up being the one who takes the fall when things don't pan out. Put your money, possessions and assets in a secure place. Taking a risk will end badly. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Helping others is generous, but if it creates a problem with someone close to you, it will turn into a no-win situation. Don't get stuck cleaning up someone else's mess without assistance. Take care of personal affairs before helping others. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't spend foolishly or try to impress someone by trying to buy favors. You will do much better by keeping your emotions under control and your wallet in your pocket. Spending money unnecessarily will only add to your stress. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Check out a business opportunity and take an active part in a focus group that can give you more insight into the possibilities that exist. Let your imagination wander and you'll come up with a brilliant moneymaking plan. ✪✪✪✪✪

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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AGENDA

I. **PRELIMINARY**
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes October 1, 2016

II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**[1]

III. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**[2]

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**
1. To review letter of appeal

V. **MISCELLANEOUS MATTER**

VI. **SCHEDULE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING**

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

/S/ Antonio L. Borja
Chairman

[1] We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments on the day of the meeting.
[2] Pursuant to 1 CMC section 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.
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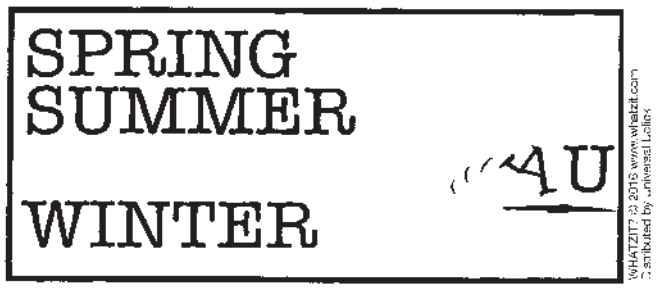

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Cubs homer twice in 10-2 win over Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (AP)—After striking out in his first two at-bats, Anthony Rizzo needed something to bust his slump. He found it in teammate Matt Szczur's bat.

Using the borrowed lumber, Rizzo homered and ended a postseason skid with three RBIs. The rest of the Chicago Cubs' hitters broke out equally as big in routing the Los Angeles Dodgers 10-2 on Wednesday to even the NL Championship Series at 2-all.

"I know Szczur's bat has a lot of hits in it," Rizzo said. "I've done it a few times this year, just switching up the bat, switching up the mindset."

Addison Russell's two-run homer highlighted a four-run fourth that stopped Chicago's 21-inning scoreless streak and ensured the NLCS will return to Wrigley Field for Game 6 on Saturday.

"It's definitely a sigh of relief to have a big night," Russell said.

Kenta Maeda is set to pitch for the Dodgers in Game 5 on Thursday against Jon Lester. Manager Dave Roberts said he will not start Clayton Kershaw on short rest after the Los Angeles ace threw a bullpen session Wednesday.

"It's not an elimination game," Roberts said.

Following consecutive shutout losses, the Cubs rapped out 13 hits on an 80-degree night with the warm Santa Ana winds fluttering the flags in center field.

Rizzo used Szczur's bat on Tuesday night and got a broken-bat single. Szczur, left off the NLCS roster, didn't mind. He wrapped another one for Game 4, figuring Rizzo might want to use the bat that is the same weight and size but a different model than his.

"I just saw him walking up with my bat, and I started laughing," Szczur said. "And then he hits a homer with it."

Rizzo and Russell had three hits each. Chicago's 3-4-5 hitters - a combined 2 for 32 in the first three games—busted out. Every Cubs starter got at least one hit except Kris Bryant, who walked twice and was hit by a pitch.

"It's contagious, just like the lack of it is contagious," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said. "When you start hitting, it's contagious, defense, this whole game really follows itself."

Los Angeles was limited to six hits and made four errors in a game that dragged on for 3 hours, 58 minutes.

"It happens, but we haven't had a game like that in a long time," Roberts said . "You've got to brush off and get ready for tomorrow."

Mike Montgomery won in relief of John Lackey, removed after consecutive walks opening the fifth. Four days shy of his 38th birthday, Lackey allowed two runs, three hits and three walks.

"I thought we put ourselves in a position to get to Lackey, but he escaped," Roberts said.

At 20 years, 68 days the youngest postseason starting pitcher in major league history, loser Julio Urias gave up four runs and four hits in 3 2/3 innings. He was the third consecutive left-hander to start for Los Angeles.

"I wish I had taken advantage of this outing," he said through a translator.

Chicago rattled off three straight hits to open the fourth, sparked by Ben Zobrist's leadoff bunt single to third.

"With the way that our bats were swinging it at the beginning of the game, we just had to do anything we could. That was my thought process," Zobrist said. "I felt like if he threw a strike, I could get one down in a good spot and was able to do it."

He took second on Javier Baez's single to left, and Willson Contreras followed with a single to nearly the same spot in shallow left, scoring Zobrist.

Baez moved to third and Contreras took second on left fielder Andrew Toles' errant throw to the plate that skidded all the way to the backstop.

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Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Julio Urias reacts after giving up a two-run home run to Chicago Cubs' Addison Russell during the fourth inning of Game 4 of the National League baseball championship series Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016, in Los Angeles.

Jason Heyward hit a run-scoring groundout , and Russell followed with his first extra-base hit since Sept. 30 and his first homer since Sept. 19. He jubilantly pumped an arm as he rounded the bases on his two-run drive, which put the Cubs ahead 4-0.

Rizzo homered off Pedro Baez leading off the fifth, snapping his 0-for-11 skid in the series. Rizzo had entered 2 for 26 in the postseason.

Los Angeles closed to 5-2 in the fifth. With the bases loaded and one out, Justin Turner's likely double-play grounder caromed off Montgomery's glove and Russell, who scrambled on all fours at shortstop as the ball went into left-center field for a two-run single.

"If he just gets his glove out of the way, he gets out of the inning," Maddon said.

Chicago tacked on five runs in the sixth off relievers Ross Stripling and Luis Avilan. Dexter Fowler singled in the first run, Rizzo added two more on a bases-loaded single and Javier Baez hit a sacrifice fly, with a second run scoring on an error by center fielder Joc Pederson.

By then, attention started turning to Thursday.

"It's about confidence," Maddon said, "and I want to believe they're going to show up tomorrow with a lot more confidence than they showed up with today."

Blue Jays bats go silent against Indians in ALCS

TORONTO (AP)—Five games. Eight runs. Two shutout losses.

A power-laden Toronto Blue Jays lineup fizzled against Cleveland, finishing off a five-game AL Championship Series wipeout with a 3-0 loss Wednesday.

Bidding to return to the World Series for the first time since 1993, the Blue Jays lost in the ALCS for the second straight year, following last year's six-game defeat against eventual champion Kansas City. Toronto was held to six hits by rookie Ryan Merritt and three relievers in the Indians' second shutout of the ALCS.

"We never really had a big inning, never were able to really string some hits together and get a rally going," Blue Jays catcher Russell Martin said. "You can point the finger at us and say we didn't do a good job, or you can point the finger at those guys. To get us out, you have to pitch well. You have to, and they did."

No Cleveland pitcher was tougher than ALCS MVP Andrew Miller, who struck out 13 in 7 2/3 scoreless innings.

"It's not easy to go through lineups like this," Miller said. Still, the lefty sure made it look simple against the Blue Jays, who struck out 50 times over the five games.

An offense led by Jose Bautista, Josh Donaldson, Edwin Encarnacion and Troy Tulowitzki produced seven extra-base hits in the series—three doubles, two triples and two solo home runs. The Blue Jays hit just .201; Cleveland was even worse at .168.

"I'm sure there will be some disappointments and grumbling and complaining about how you fell short again, but that's not coming from me," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said. "I know what these guys did, and I think it's a pretty good accomplishment. The key is we want to take that next step one of these days. Hopefully it's next year."

Bautista, who turned 36 Wednesday, and the 33-year-old Encarnacion may have been playing for the Blue Jays for the final time. Both are eligible for free agency, a subject neither wanted to address in a somber clubhouse.

"I don't think it's the right time to be taking about that," Bautista said. "We just battled through a tough series. I don't want to make this about myself, and I don't really feel like I'm in the proper state of mind to be taking about that. I know it's a possibility but we'll see what happens."

Gibbons said his two sluggers "helped put this team back on the map" after Toronto went 22 years between postseason appearances.

"We were staring at a playoff drought for a lot of years around here," Gibbons said. "And they came through for the team last year, the organization, and then repeated it this year. And they really—both of them—made their name here in Toronto."

Toronto slugged past Baltimore in the wild card game, winning on Encarnacion's 11th-inning home run. The Blue Jays swept Texas in the Division Series, outhomering the Rangers 8-2 and outscoring them 22-10.

Bautista's two hits in the finale left him 3 for 18 (.167) with no RBIs in the series, while Encarnacion was 4 for 19 (.211) and drove in two runs. Tulowitzki was 2 for 18 (.111) with no RBIs and Donaldson 6 for 18 (.333) with two RBIs.

"I know that I'm capable of doing a lot more," Bautista said. "They pitched great. It was tough. They seemed to make the right pitches at the right time and got us out."

Martin, who chased Merritt with a one-out bloop single in the fifth and advanced on pinch-hitter Michael Saunders's hit, was Toronto's only runner to reach scoring position. Reliever Bryan Shaw fanned Ezequiel Carrera and Kevin Pillar.

Toronto's offensive funk was remarkable given the shaky state of Cleveland's starting pitching. Carlos Carrasco (broken hand) and Danny Salazar (forearm) have missed the entire postseason, and right-hander Trevor Bauer left Game 3 after four batters when blood began dripping from his right pinkie, sliced open last week while he repaired a drone.

The Blue Jays hit .120 (3 for 25) with runners in scoring position.

"They never let us string base hits together," Bautista said, "and when we had men in scoring position they seemed to turn it up a notch and go to another level of execution."

NBA's Derrick Rose cleared in rape lawsuit, poses with jury

LOS ANGELES (AP)—NBA star Derrick Rose and two friends were cleared Wednesday in a $21.5 million lawsuit that accused them of gang raping his ex-girlfriend when she was incapacitated from drugs or alcohol.

Jurors in Los Angeles federal court reached the verdict in less than four hours after concluding there was a lack of evidence to support the woman's claims and dismissing her account as unbelievable.

"It felt like she was playing us," said a juror who would only give his first name as Jared. "The second her lawyer started questioning her, she would start crying. I mean, granted, that could be realistic, but I feel I'm pretty good at reading people, and I felt as if it was false."

Jared was among several jurors who spoke to reporters outside the courthouse, none of whom gave their full names.

Rose remained stoic as the verdict was read and later thanked jurors and posed for photos with them in the lobby, draping his left arm around each one who wanted a souvenir of the Knicks point guard as one of his lawyers snapped photos on their phones.

"I am thankful that the jury understood and agreed with me," Rose said in a statement. "This experience and my sensitivity to it was deep. I am ready to put this behind me and focus on my family and career."

The case was X-rated at times with testimony from the men about poolside group sex at a mansion Rose rented in Beverly Hills in the summer of 2013 and multiple sexual encounters throughout the night and into the next morning.

The woman denied having sex at Rose's place, saying she had a few tequila shots and felt drugged before going home. Her lawyer said the defense invented the story to make it look like she had willingly had sex with the men.

AP

NBA star Derrick Rose leaves federal court in Los Angeles Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016. Jurors cleared Rose and two friends in a lawsuit that accused them of gang raping his ex-girlfriend when she was incapacitated from drugs or alcohol.

The incident in question happened hours later in the early morning of Aug. 27 when she said the three men came to her Los Angeles apartment and had sex with her after she had passed out.

The issue for the jury was whether she consented to sex or was too intoxicated to do so. The men all said it was clear she was willing when she stopped the three outside her bedroom door and said, "One at a time."

Defense lawyers tarred her as a gold-digging liar who tried to sway jurors through emotions to get a piece of Rose's fortune. They claimed she was angry he had dumped her, so she set him up and brought the lawsuit in hopes of a big payoff.

"All three men were innocent from Day 1," Rose's attorney, Mark Baute, said after the verdict. "We're very happy that the system worked."

The woman's lawyer called the men "sexual deviants" who conspired to gang rape her after she was drunk and incapable of consenting to sex.

Attorney Waukeen McCoy said he will explore appeal options.

"It's a shame for women, for this country, that a celebrity can come into court and slut-shame a woman like my client," McCoy said.

The accuser, who had become emotional and trembled at times while testifying, buried her head in her hands as the verdict was read, with her long hair covering her face.

McCoy said the woman was devastated and did not understand how jurors could reach their conclusion. She left the courthouse without commenting.

Rose's lawyer said in closing arguments Tuesday that the suit was a "hoax and a joke" and jurors should not even award $20 because it would doom the future of the onetime MVP and the family and friends he was supporting by violating a morals clause in his player contract and a lucrative deal with Adidas.

The woman's lawyer said during closings that the 30-year-old college student was not in it for the money, but was seeking accountability for what was morally and legally wrong. He said the men had never apologized or shown any remorse.

In the East, it's the Cavs and then everyone else—again

The Cleveland Cavaliers know what it feels like to enter the season as Eastern Conference favorites.

They begin this one with an entirely unfamiliar label—defending champions.

The rest of the East has spent the last six years unsuccessfully trying to unseat LeBron James from the throne. Whether he has been in Cleveland or Miami, James has led his team to the NBA Finals every year since 2011. But his crowning achievement came last season, when his Cavaliers captured the city's first pro sports championship in 52 years by defeating the record-breaking Golden State Warriors.

Now the Cavaliers are wearing an even bigger target on their backs.

"It's the same mindset: Let's win a championship," James said. "We just want to be able to put ourselves in position to do that. We have the ability, we have the personnel, but we have to work now. We can't expect for it to happen just like we didn't expect for it to happen last year. We put the time into it."

The Boston Celtics finally found a star in Al Horford to team with a lunch pail group that has overachieved under coach Brad Stevens. The Toronto Raptors are back for more after falling to the Cavs in the Eastern Conference finals and Chicago and New York brought in aging stars in a desperate attempt to change the balance of power in the league's weaker conference.

James' reply: Bring it on.

"We can't be entitled to anything we've got to go out and get it and work for it," he said. "We're a team that's very driven and we look forward to all the challenges the season holds."

A look at the East:

PLAYOFF BOUND

1. Cleveland—Championship hangover? No one expects that with the Cavs. There is one certainty in the NBA: LeBron will make it to the finals.

2. Boston—Horford and Stevens appear to be the perfect match.

3. Toronto—Keep doubting the Raptors. Kyle Lowry wants you to. Should be nip and tuck with the Celtics all season.

4. Washington—Here's where it starts to get dicey. Wiz are betting Scott Brooks will be able to push the buttons Randy Wittman couldn't.

5. Atlanta—The Hawks took a step back last season, then swapped Horford for Dwight Howard. Things could go either way in Hotlanta this season.

6. Charlotte—Mostly stood pat this summer after a surprising sixth-place finish last year. A healthy Michael Kidd-Gilchrist sure could make a difference.

7. Detroit—Would have picked them higher, but Reggie Jackson's injury is a concern.

8. Indiana—Pacers swapped out the underrated George Hill for Jeff Teague, traded Frank Vogel for Nate McMillan and brought in Thaddeus Young and Al Jefferson to funk things up.

Before heading to Minnesota, Bradford helped Wentz in Philly

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Carson Wentz owes some of his success to Sam Bradford.

Bradford certainly wasn't thrilled when the Eagles drafted Wentz with the No. 2 overall pick, but he served as a mentor to the rookie throughout the summer until he was traded to Minnesota on Sept. 3.

"When I first got here, it was good to have Sam and Chase (Daniel)," Wentz said Wednesday. "I talked to Sam quite a bit and really wanted to dive deeper into this offense. Sam had some good insight on our offense, and he was in a number of other systems as well. We had good conversations. I really built a good relationship with him and I look forward to playing against him."

Wentz leads the Eagles (3-2) against Bradford and the unbeaten Vikings (5-0) on Sunday in Philadelphia. While much of the focus centers on the quarterbacks, Wentz isn't getting caught up in the hype.

AP

In this Sept. 18, 2016, file photo, Minnesota Vikings' Sam Bradford (8) stretches before an NFL football game against the Carolina Panthers in Charlotte, N.C.

"The Vikings are the next game on the schedule. We're excited for it," Wentz said. "We have had two tough losses where we didn't execute the way we wanted to. We don't put pressure on ourselves, but at the same time, we play with a sense of urgency that we have to be better. We know that, and we will."

Bradford, a former No. 1 overall pick by the Rams, set franchise records in his only season in Philadelphia with 346 completions and a 65 percent completion rate. His 3,725 yards passing in 14 games was the fourth-most in Eagles history. Bradford passed up free agency and signed a two-year, $36 million contract with $22 million guaranteed in March.

Then Philadelphia moved up to get the second pick and selected Wentz. Bradford figured his days with the Eagles were numbered. Still, he thought he'd get one more season.

"I was really excited about the year there," Bradford said. "I felt like I had a really good spring. I felt like I played well in the preseason. I felt like things were really coming together on offense for us. I looked forward to playing this year there and continuing the chemistry we had built last year."

But the Vikings were desperate for a quarterback after losing Teddy Bridgewater to a serious knee injury and they moved quickly to acquire Bradford for a first-round draft pick and a conditional fourth-round.

It's turned out to be a win-win trade for both teams.

Will Vegas and Raiders be a match?

HOUSTON (AP)—As much as Oakland Raiders owner Mark Davis wishes otherwise, a decision on allowing him to move his franchise to Las Vegas isn't likely to come anytime soon.

That's not to say it won't happen. Several team owners are ready to support the relocation if the right pieces fall into place—and we're not talking roulette wheels.

"I'm pleased they've made as much progress as they have," Texans owner Robert McNair said Wednesday at the league's fall meetings, when Davis made a short presentation to the membership. "We'll look at it when it is finally presented in total. These things are still so fluid, until they nail everything down we don't know what we're looking at. We'll wait until we have a full package."

It's critical to Davis—and Las Vegas—that the full package is persuasive enough to overcome some of the debits of the move. There's the downsizing from the Bay Area, one of America's prime marketplaces, to much smaller Vegas. There's the abandoning of Oakland for the second time by the franchise, and this time when the region has shown tremendous growth.

There are questions about the involvement of casino owner Sheldon Adelson , who is putting $650 million toward the $1.9 billion domed stadium project. How big will his role be? How involved with the Raiders does he want his casino to be?

And, of course, there's the unavoidable topic of gambling.

"From my perspective, there clearly are shifts in society and the way people view gambling and the way you view even lotteries," NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said. "There have been shifts in that and we obviously monitor that. But we still remain very much opposed to legalized gambling on sports, and we think that has an impact on the integrity of our game, and that's what we watch. Whether people gamble or not is not necessarily our particular focus.

"What we want to do is make sure we're doing what's right for the game, and for the NFL, and that's where our focus will remain."

Over the next two months or so, the league will conduct studies of Las Vegas as a potential team home. The Raiders can apply for relocation in January, though Davis has said the team will play the next two seasons in Oakland, fulfilling two one-year lease options. The target, fluid as it is, would be to call the desert home in 2019 at the earliest.

There are scenarios, of course, in which the Raiders could wind up in Los Angeles as the second tenant in the Rams' new facility in Inglewood, or they would have to wait yet another year to know where they might head.

Should the Chargers vacate San Diego for L.A.—much depends on next month's stadium referendum there—the Southern California option disappears for Davis. But there's also a chance the Chargers could seek a one-year delay on their decision, something three-quarters of the 32 NFL owners would need to approve.

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lane track is also covered with dark spots, while some of the railings and fences are also damaged.

Once the repair work starts, Rogolifoi said they will close the facility so he is asking for the public's cooperation for safety purposes and to make sure that the project will be completed on time. Tang's Corp. has only 150 working days to finish the resurfacing work at the track and field facility.

The project costs nearly a million ($990,000) with majority of the funds coming from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The funds were course through the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. under its Community Development Block Grant, while the Marianas Visitors Authority also chipped in for the project, allotting $250,000 for the resurfacing work as part of the latter's sports tourism program. MVA's share comes from its destination enhances budget.

A separate fund from the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the Capital Improvement Projects will also be used to improve the track, which the CNMI needs to upgrade as the Commonwealth prepares for the hosting of the 2012 Pacific Mini Games.

ACE

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winning margin.

Lauron paced Ace Hardware with his 20 points, while Viray added 19. Five other Ace Hardware players contributed at least 5 points apiece in the one-sided game.

In last Friday's tiff, GMI Market built an early double-digit lead and never relinquished it to beat 5-Star Construction, which saw action in last weekend's game with only seven players.

Donald Romu and Jun Alipio combined for 14 for GMI Market in the first period to hand their team a 23-10 lead. Mario Sison, who missed the opening canto, then made his presence felt in the next two quarters, tallying 17 points to power GMI Market to a 62-39 advantage, going into the fourth canto. Sison had a string of 10 points in the third frame.

Alipio also recorded consecutive points (8), bridging the closing minutes of the third and opening of the fourth to finish off 5-Star Construction.

Alipio and Sison went on to top-score for GMI Market after registering 19 points apiece, while Michael Cabanas had 18 for 5-Star.

Meanwhile, games last Wednesday were rained-out and league organizers hope to resume the matches tonight. The unbeaten Ol'Aces (4-0) will try to keep their streak when they face Saipan Apparel (3-1) in the first game at 6:30pm, while in the second tiff at 8pm, MGNEL will duel the Talaabwogh Stars.

Monday Game

Ace Hardware 82— Lauron 20, Viray 19, Brennan 9, Quan 8, J. Sablan 7, Rabauliman 5, B. Sablan 5, Hammond 4, Younis 4.

MGNEL Construction 55 — Ferrer 10, Isip 9, Laguindam 7, Aguon 7, Pagarados 7, Sablan 5, Tabora 4, Asuhan 4, Bisana 2.

Scoring by quarters: 24-8, 47-24, 70-33, 82-55.

Friday Game

GMI Market 87 — G. Sison 19, Alipio 19, Romu 12, P. Factor 9, Fidelino 7, A. Factor 6, Senupe 4, Salcedo 5, Banayas 2.

5-Star Construction 51 — Cabanas 18, Pineda 16, Munar 11, Cataluna 3, Hernandez 3.

Scoring by quarters: 23-10, 37-21, 62-39, 87-51.

MATANSA

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64th minute. TanHoldings has yet to break into the win column in five tries.

In Shirley's-MP United tiff, Jerlyn Castillo knocked in a pair in the former's fourth win, while Jasmine Phan and Kathrine Magat chipped in one apiece. Phan recorded her goal in the seventh minute, while Castillo's first came in the 21st. Magat gave Shirley's its third goal just two minutes into the second half, while Castillo closed out for the team in the 56th.

MP United's lone goal was courtesy of Maaya Sato and it was registered in the 29th minute. MP United absorbed its fourth loss against one win and is in fourth place in the team standings behind idle Kanoa (3-0-1).

CO-ED U12
MP United-1 4, Kanoa 2

MP United ended Kanoa's four-game winning streak.

With the victory, MP United-1 matched Kanoa's record (4-0-1) and the former is also a bit ahead of the latter in the team standings due to goal difference, 29 to 13.

Rohan Basnet added three goals to MP United-1's total (41), while the team got an own goal from Kanoa's miscue. Besides scoring the most goals so far in the division, MP United-1 also has given up the least (12). Kanoa, which drew one goal apiece from Jaydee Jose and Merrick Toves, has earned 24 and yielded 11.

Basnet's three goals were made in succession with his first tallied in the 12th and the second a minute later, while the last was recorded in the 34th. MP United-1 was credited with an own goal in the 46th minute.

As for Kanoa's side, Jose hit the board in the 22nd minute, while Merrick knocked in his shot in the 44th.

Paire 10, TanHoldings 4

Paire earned its second victory after crushing TanHoldings.

Dylan Mister made things happen for Paire (2-1-2) as he outgunned the entire TanHoldings crew with his five goals. River Kramer backed him up by adding three, while Max Church and Justin Weaver contributed one each.

Neriah Nicole Lumbad had a pair for TanHoldings, which posted the first goal in the match off Angelo Pulido's shot in the second minute. Pulido also logged two goals with his last tallied in the 38th.

Despite lighting up the board first, TanHoldings found itself behind at halftime, 1-4, as Kramer gave Paire two goals (20th and 29th), while Church and Mister had one each in the 21st and 28th, respectively.

Mister then ran the show in the second half, firing four straight goals in a span of 12 minutes, while Kramer completed a hat trick in the 56th and Weaver capped Paire's outstanding showing a minute later.

CTSI, MP United prevail in Dove women's league

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CTSI banked on its formidable trio to top Kanoa Football Club in their Division A game in the 2016 Dove Women's Fall League last Sunday at the Chacha Ocean View Middle School Field.

Guinevere Borja and Angel and Lyka Sally teamed up anew for CTSI, powering their squad to a 6-2 victory against Kanoa in the first match in the division.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Some members of the MP United B team pose for a photo before their game in the Dove women's league at the Chacha Ocean View Middle School in Kagman.

Lyka fueled CTSI's offense with her goal in the seventh minute, while Borja gave their team its second goal in the first half for their 2-1 halftime edge. Earlier in the second minute, Mikky Vargas handed Kanoa its first goal.

Angel then stretched CTSI lead to 3 after converting back-to-back goals in the 37th and 40th minute, while a shot from Marielle Gariguez in the 42nd kept Kanoa in the match. However, that was also the last time Kanoa hit the board, while Lyla and Borja added two more goals for CTSI.

In the other Division A match, TanHoldings forced a draw against Shirley's, 3-3.

TanHoldings managed to end the match in a standoff after scoring all its three goals in the second half. Gillian Villagomez posted two of those goals, while Mary Kay Alferos drilled the other one.

Dianne Pablo also had a pair for Shirley's, which led at 1-0 after the first half. Katrina Costales registered Shirley's lone goal in the opening 35 minutes of play.

DIVISION B
MP United 2, Kanoa 1

MP United pulled off a 2-1 victory over Kanoa in the curtain raiser in the division.

The winning squad drew its two goals from Maaya Sato, while Kanoa's lone goal came from Rustine Valino. Sato had one goal apiece in the second and first half, while Valino foiled MP United's bid to shut down Kanoa after making it to the board in the final frame.

Shirley's 3, Babs 1

In the third game, Shirley's outclassed Babs.

Three different players scored for Shirley's. Michaela Carreon was the first one as she found her target in the eighth minute, while Thereze Millare converted her shot in the 14th. All three goals of Shirley's came in the first half, as Valeria Myers recorded her goal in the 22nd minute.

Babs was quiet in the entire first half before Cleo Nening broke the team's silence in the 36th minute.

Meanwhile, the second game in the division between Kagman and Paire ended in a scoreless draw.

Familiar faces in Art of War 11

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The household names in Marianas MMA will be the main attraction in next month's Art of War 11: Submission Grappling/ BJJ Tournament.

Frank "The Crank" Camacho leads the impressive list and will be joined in the Nov. 5 tournament by Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez and Kelvin "The Big Hit" Fitial. The three MMA practitioners are among the more than 40 individuals who have already signed up for AOW.

Camacho and Alvarez are entered in the middleweight class (176 to 204 lbs), which has six other participants so far. They are Jasper Van Der Maas, Vince Masfa, Roman Alvarez, Rey Kim, Jeffery Garcia, and Lucas Nutting.

Shane will compete in two other divisions—lightweight (146 to 155lbs) and welterweight 156 to 175lbs). The 21-year-old fighter will have 10 opponents for the lightweight title. His cousin, Roman, is one of them, while other participants in the division include Danny Cruz, Pinchi Rangamar, Kenji Okiyama, Seay Camacho, Van Der Maas, Jordan Manglona, Mark Nuique, Joseph Attao, and Elden Dela Cruz.

In the welterweight class, which has the most entries so far with 15, Shane will vie for the division crown against Roman, his brother Alverick, Dane Salazar, Rey Kim, Vince Torres, Vince Masga, Garcia, Nutting, Van Der Maas, Allan Aguon, Joey Crisostomo, Stanley Iakopo, and Gordon Salas Jr.

In the heavyweight division (205lbs and up), Fitial headlines the cast and will be joined by Joe Ocampo, Adam Harris, Roman, Ningbo Cepeda, Joshua Castro, John Aguon, and Anthony Rivera.

Three other weight classes will be contested in next month's competition organized by Trench Tech's Cuki Alvarez.

In the flyweight field (100 to 125lbs), four have so far signed up with Keoni Castro on top of the list. Also entered in the division are Piling Terlaje, Giovanni Taingtingfong, and Sea'Hara Cruz.

Taingtingfong and Castro will also see action in the bantamweight division (126 to 135lbs) along with Jay Muna, Bradlee Manalo, Okiyama, and Kenny Vasquez.

Okiyama has three competitions, as he will be featured, too in the featherweight class (136 to 145lbs). Lorenzo Attao, Nick Cruz, Jay Muna, Camacho, Nuique, Blessam Tarkong, Ricky Camp, and Derrick Rangamar are also on the field.

Meanwhile, Cuki said registration for the seven weight classes are still open and deadline to sign up is set for 8pm on Nov. 4. Grapplers can join more than one weight division provided they compete in the category above their weight class. Registration fee is $20 per weight class.

Medals will be awarded to the Top 3 finishes in each division.

JON PEREZ
Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez competes in Art of War 9: Grappling, Submission BJJ Challenge. He will join in three weight classes in next month's Art of War 11.

Napu paddlers acknowledge host of sponsors

Napu Outrigger Canoe Club's junior men and women's team are now in Palau getting ready to hit the waters off Meyuns Ramp in Koror for the much-anticipated Micro Cup 2016.

The club's participation in the tournament that will run until this Sunday was made possible by its long list of sponsors.

"We, the board members of Napu would like to thank all our sponsors and family members for their generosity support that made this competitive trip possible," club president Ponce Rasa said in an email sent *to Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

The club's host of sponsors includes Best Sunshine International, Ltd. (CSR), M.S. Villagomez Enterprises, Inc., J.C. Tenorio Enterprises, Inc., McDonald's Saipan, Pacific Islands Club, Saipan Mayor David Apatang, IT&E, Rotary Club of Saipan, Bridge Capital, LLC, Saipan Shipping, YCO Hardware (True Value), YCO Hardware (Do It Best), Shell Gas Station Susupe, Surf Club Saipan, D&Q International, Wind Surf Saipan, Duty Free Saipan, Mobil Gas Station, Trench Tech Gym, Joeten Superstore, I Love Saipan Store, Law Office of William Fitzgerald, The Torres Brothers, LLC, Anthony R. Sterns M.D., Seventh Day Adventist, Michael Sablan, Joe and Barbara Wesley, Scott Dottino, Steven Brownstein, Ray Yumul, Reps. Joseph Deleon Guerrero, Edmund Villagomez, Anthony Sablan, BJ Attao, Felicidad Ogumoro, Edwin Aldan, Angel Demapan, and Joseph Lee Pan Guerrero, Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation member, and Gov. Ralph DLG Torres

Napu's junior men's and women's squads will be competing in the 500m, 1,500m, and long distance races. The junior men's team has Ryan Aguon, Brandon Cabrera, Kyle Reyes, Sammy Litulumar, Leon Laniyo, Hekido Helgen, Daven Hocog, and Raven Igisaiar as members, while the girls squad is composed of Daydra Hocog, Isabel Ito, Julianna Hanson, Rika Diaz, Jewel Cubangbang, Dhalian Salas, Camille Muna, Rachel Tudela, Leisha Guerrero Mendiola, and Mayiah Duenas. Jason Tarkong is the teams' coach.

"As president of Napu Outrigger Canoe Club, I am very confident that our junior squads will perform well in Palau," Rasa said.

Napu is one of the four clubs representing the CNMI in the Micro Cup. Marianas Outrigger Club, Saipan Paddling Club, and Marianas Pacific Paddlers are the other Commonwealth teams participating in the three-day tournament. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Members and officials of Napu Outrigger Canoe Club gather for a group photo at the departure area of the Saipan International Airport last Wednesday before they leave for Palau to compete in the Micro Cup 2016.

Cubs homer twice in 10-2 win over Dodgers

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Ace, GMI ease past opponents

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Ace Hardware's Dave Camacho drives against two San Antonio Patriots defenders during a game in the MIBF outdoor caging last week. Ace Hardware played last Monday and routed MGNEL Construction, 82-55.

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Ace Hardware and GMI Market coasted to victories in the Mariana Islands Basketball Federation's Inaugural Men's Outdoor League.

Ace Hardware played in the second game at the San Antonio court and hammered MGNEL Construction, 82-55, for its fourth win in five matches. GMI Market also gained its fourth triumph after seven games following an 87-51 demolition of 5-Star Construction last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Both Ace Hardware and GMI Market banked on their strong starts to set up the easy wins against the depleted crews of MGNEL and 5-Star, which fell to similar 2-4 records.

Alex Lauron sparked Ace Hardware's early surge, scoring 10 of his total points in the first quarter to lift his team to a 24-8 advantage. Ken Viray was also on target from the get-go, adding 7 markers, while Don Brennan and Salam Younis were the other scorers for Ace Hardware in the opening 10 minutes of play.

While Ace Hardware got its offense going right at the start of the match, it was a different story for MGNEL, which had no player making more than a field goal in the first canto and was held to four baskets.

MGNEL, who fielded only nine players in the match, picked up its scoring a bit in the second quarter, but it failed to stop Ace Hardware's other gunners from scoring. By the end of the first half, Ace Hardware had nearly doubled MGNEL's output, 47-24.

Ace Hardware continued to pile up points in the second half en route to the 27-point

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Matansa, Shirley's still in close fight

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Matansa Football Club and Shirley's FC are still in a neck-and-neck battle for first place in the girls U15 division of the 2016 NMIFA Youth Fall League after easing past separate roes last Saturday at the Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School Field.

Shirley's FC downed MP United in the first game to improve its win-draw-loss mark to 4-0-1, the same slate Matansa holds following a 7-2 triumph over TanHoldings FC in the second match last weekend.

Guinevere Borja stood out in Matansa's rout of TanHoldings FC after scoring five goals. Angelica and Lyka Sally nailed the two other goals for Matansa, which was slightly ahead of Shirley's in the team standings despite their similar records due to their goal difference, 20 to 14.

With their seven goals in Week 5, Matansa's total is now 34 and it has allowed 14 goals so far. Shirley's on the other hand, has made 23 goals and yielded 9, going into the last three games in the second round.

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Matansa Football Club's Guinevere Borja, second left, steps into the play to receive a pass from teammate Leisha Sally, third left, while two TanHoldings players stay close on defense during the first half of their girls U15 division game in the NMIFA youth league last Saturday at the Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School Field.

Borja posted the first goal for Matansa in the sixth minute and had her second in the 30th before firing the last three in consecutive fashion (53rd, 55th, and 66th). Angelica had her goal in the ninth, while Lyka hit the board in the 43rd.

TanHoldings drew both its goals from Claire Barrozo, who scored in the 17th and

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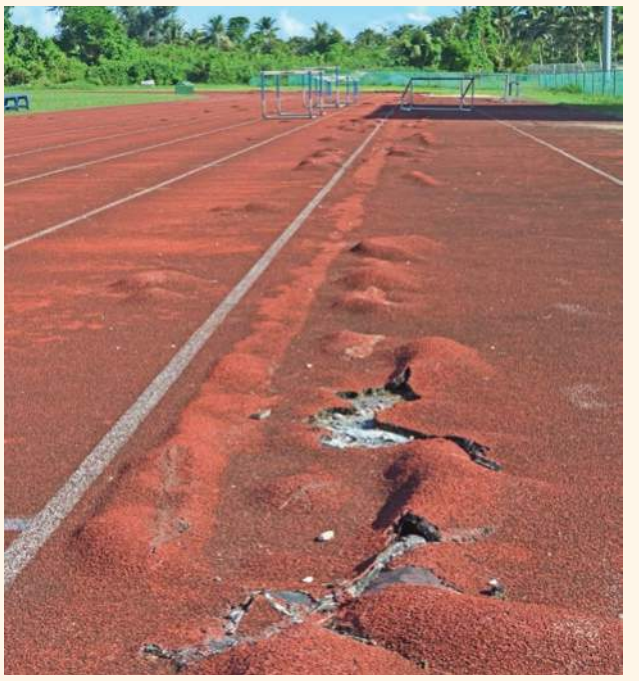
Track resurfacing may start next month



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One of the lanes at the Oleai Sports Complex's track and field facility has its rubberized surface torn.

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Northern Marianas Sports Association executive director Tony Rogolifoi said that the resurfacing work at the Oleai Sports Complex's track and field facility may start next month.

"The tentative schedule to start the project is first week of November. NMHC has awarded the contract to Tang's Corporation and we're just waiting for the release of the notice to proceed," Rogolifoi said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Tang's Corp. is located in Chalan Kanoa and according to Rogolifoi, the company will bring in experts from Australia and New Zealand to ensure that the resurfacing work at the track and field facility will be done the right way and will meet the standards of the International Association of Athletics Federations.

The contractor will be working closely with the experts in the field as the facility needs to get recertified by IAAF. The Oleai track, which was built in early 2000, previously received a Level II certification from IAAF. Today, it is in a very bad shape as bubbles have formed all over the rubberized lanes and some have even blown up. The eight-

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